

School Comparison Checklist



Choosing child care and early education is an important decision. Use this form to research and compare child care/learning centers and find the best fit for you and your child.



School 1

School 2

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School Environment	Was the school welcoming and inviting, with staff positively engaged with children?		
	Are there strict security procedures for entering the building?		
	Does the staff have instant access to children's medical information, plus arrival and departure times?		
	Does the school offer a mobile app to provide parents regular updates?		
	Are exterior cameras in use to ensure a safe, secure environment?		
Learning and Programs	Are programs based on age-appropriate learning and development objectives? a. Are children (particularly babies and toddlers) read to every day? b. Does the curriculum emphasize school readiness based on state standards? c. Do children learn individually as well as in groups?		
	Is there a plan for tracking and achieving developmental goals?		
	Do parents get regular updates (written, verbal, photos) about their child's activities and developmental progress?		
	Does the school have a health and fitness program?		
Facility, Staff, and Materials	Are teachers trained and certified in CPR, first aid, and infection control?		
	Are there regular procedures to prevent germs and sanitize toys/learning materials?		
	Were the building, classrooms, and equipment clean and in good working order?		
Other Things to Consider	Are meals and snacks provided?		
	Are extracurricular activities offered?		
	Is transportation available to/from your child's primary school?		
Costs	How much does it cost per week?		
	What is the registration fee?		