



Elementary School Visit Checklist

Quick facts:

School name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

GreatSchools Rating

(circle): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Parent Rating

(circle): 1 2 3 4 5

Be an active observer: Check for these important indicators on your visit!

- Y N The classrooms look cheerful and students are focused on their work.
- Y N Student work is displayed, and it is appropriate for the grade level.
- Y N Teachers seem enthusiastic and knowledgeable. (Notice whether they are asking questions that stimulate children and keep them engaged.)
- Y N The principal is confident and interested in interacting with children, teachers, and parents.
- Y N Students act respectfully toward each other in class, during transitions, and at lunchtime.
- Y N There is a gym, playground, or field.
- Y N There is an art/music room, science room, and/or computer lab.
- Y N Facilities are well maintained, the bathrooms are clean and well supplied, and the grounds look safe and inviting.

The practical:

Transportation options: _____ Start/end time of school: _____

School size: _____ Class size: _____

Before- or after-school programs: _____

Facilities: _____

The academic program:

Curriculum: _____

Extracurricular activities: _____

Homework: _____

Teaching staff: _____

Technology use: _____

The school culture:

Philosophy or mission: _____

Discipline and safety: _____

Parent involvement: _____

School communication: _____

Diversity: _____

Other questions: _____