


# 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
<b>School Environment</b>	Was the school welcoming and inviting, with staff positively engaged with children?			
	Are there strict security procedures for entering the building?			
	Are exterior cameras in use to ensure a safe, secure environment?			
	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?			
<b>Learning and Programs</b>	Are programs based on age-appropriate learning and development objectives? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Are children (particularly toddlers) read to every day?</li> <li>- Does the curriculum emphasize school readiness based on state standards?</li> <li>- Do children learn individually as well as in groups?</li> </ul>			
	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?			
<b>Facility, Staff, and Materials</b>	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?			
<b>Other Considerations</b>	Are healthy meals and snacks provided?			
	Are extracurricular activities offered?			
	Is there a before- and after-school program for my school-age student?			
<b>Costs</b>	How much does it cost per week?			
	What is the registration fee?			