

# 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? - Are children (particularly toddlers) read to every day? - Does the curriculum emphasize school readiness based on state standards? - 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?		
<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?		

# School Tour Notes



Use the space below to gather additional information and take notes when visiting our school.

<b>SAFETY AND SECURITY</b>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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<b>EDUCATION AND CURRICULUM</b>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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<b>FOOD AND NUTRITION</b>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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<b>FOSTERING SOCIALIZATION AND PLAY</b>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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