



# High 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 Teachers appear to have a plan.

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 or playing 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: \_\_\_\_\_