School Visit Checklist

Quick facts:
School name: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________
Address: ______________________________

GreatSchools Rating: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Community Rating: ★★★★★

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

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