High School Visit Checklist

Quick facts:
School name: ___________________________________________ Phone: __________________
Address: _____________________________________________

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: ________________________________________