



# Middle 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!*

- ☐ ☐ 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 gym, playground, 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: \_\_\_\_\_