Elementary School Visit Checklist

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 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, playground, or 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.

Quick facts:

School name:_________________________________________ Phone: ____________
Address: _______________________________________________

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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