

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING A SCHOOL

School Culture

1. What is your school's educational philosophy or mission?
2. How would you describe the school culture and its values?

Curriculum and Instruction

3. What curriculum do you follow and how often is it updated to reflect changing times?
4. How is instruction tailored to accommodate for different learning styles?
5. Do they offer financial literacy classes/courses?
6. How is technology integrated into classroom learning?
7. Describe what religious education (if applicable)?
8. What is the student to teacher ratio?

Student Assessments and Progress

9. What is the grading policy?
10. How do you communicate student progress to parents?
11. What standardized testing is administered and how are results shared with parents?

Student Services

12. Do they provide an afterschool program for elementary students?
13. Are there opportunities for high school students to travel abroad?
14. Do you offer special education services services?
15. What counseling and mental health support is available through your guidance department?
16. How do you support students who need enrichment?

17. What clubs, sports, and extra-curricular activities are available?
18. How often are assemblies held (guest speakers, special presentations) and what are the topics?
19. Are there opportunities for music, art, and drama?
20. How are students supported when transitioning to the next school?
21. Is there time allotted for kids to spend time outdoors in nature (PE classes, recess, lunch, science exploration, field trips)

Policies and Procedures

22. How do you handle bullying and other discipline issues?
23. What measures are in place to ensure safety and security in various situations?
24. Do the students at this school wear uniforms or conform to a specific dress code?
25. What are the internet access policies for students?
26. Are students required to volunteer, and if so, what types of opportunities are available?

Teachers and Staff

27. What kind of professional development and trainings do teachers receive?
28. What qualifications and experience do your teachers have?
29. How does the administration support teachers to manage classroom behavior?

Home and School Collaboration

30. What opportunities are available for parents to engage in school activities?
31. How do you communicate school events to parents?
32. How are concerns or issues between parents and the school addressed?

Logistics

33. What is the annual tuition?

34. What is the application process?
35. Does the school receive quality ratings (from what source)?
36. Are there other related school buildings a different location?
37. Is transportation available and what are the costs and requirements?
38. What are the school hours and what does the yearly calendar look like (vacation times)?

