



Elementary 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.)

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: _____