

School Age Questions

THINGS TO LOOK FOR

- Are the ratios and group size appropriate for my child's age?
 - Is the setting appealing with comfortable lighting and an acceptable noise level?
 - Is the environment sanitary, safe and accommodating for the special needs of children?
 - Are toys and materials well organized so that children can choose what interests them?
 - Is a daily schedule posted, using pictures and visuals, so that children can anticipate what will happen next?
 - Do they answer children's questions patiently? Do they ask children questions?
 - Do caregivers lower themselves to the child's level to engage with them?
 - Do the caregivers seem happy? Are they positively interacting with each other and you?
 - Do caregivers speak, sing and read to the children?
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QUESTIONS TO ASK

- Am I welcome to drop in at any time?
- Do children have the ability to be involved in the creation of their daily activities? Is play prioritized?
- Which activities do your children enjoy the most?
- Is there a primary caregiver for my child?
- What is your illness policy for children and teachers? What is your substitute teacher policy?
- What are meals like?
- What is your staff turnover rate?

- What training do staff members have in child development?
 - How will you communicate with us about our child's learning and development?
 - How do you assess children's skills, strengths and needs?
 - How do you track developmental milestones?
 - How do you keep your children engaged with learning?
 - How do you adapt learning activities to meet the needs of each child?
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MY PRIORITIES

- Are they active on social media?
 - How do they handle daily parent communication?
 - Do they share my values?
 - Do they accommodate special diets?
 - How close is this provider to my home or work?
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NOTES

- Would I feel good about leaving my child here?
- Would my child feel good about coming here?
- What is the outdoor play space like?
- How did I feel about the director? Were they accommodating to my questions and needs? Do they seem flexible and eager to work with me?
- How was the energy of the place?