

Enfield Montessori School

Visit Check List (attributes to observe while visiting)

- An inviting, prepared environment thoughtfully arranged with the child's developmental stage in mind
- Motivated students actively engaged in learning, working with materials, and freely selecting the activities and work of their choice.
- Freedom of movement within the classroom
- Students working with an array of materials
- Materials arranged by subject area in order of difficulty
- Students interacting politely and respectfully with students and adults
- Students approaching teachers or other students for assistance tackling a challenging problem
- Students learning using different modalities
- Students working individually or in collaboration with others based on their preference
- Students remaining focused on their work unless invited to a group lesson
- Students working comfortably with hands-on materials at tables or on the carpet
- Older students recording their own progress
- Teachers instructing individuals or small groups while other students are actively engaged in their own learning process
- Mutual respect during teacher-child interactions
- Teacher awareness of the needs and potential of the whole child at each stage of development
- Learning for mastery rather than test memorization
- Joyful students and teachers
- Positive energy in each classroom
- Well-organized and visually pleasing classrooms
- Technology integrated purposefully and seamlessly into the classroom
- Students collaborating to solve equations, complete a project or create a plan
- Students, faculty, staff, and approved visitors greeted by name
- Visiting parents volunteering at the school
- Students spontaneously taking care of their community and environment
- Our Mission and Core Values, displayed prominently throughout the building, serving as guiding principles for the school
- Grace and Courtesy modeled and practiced by all
- Visitors only gaining admittance to the school by providing the proper identification to designated personnel
- Faculty, staff and students following safety protocols.
- Well-behaved, respectful students (who can respond safely to emergency instructions)
- A structured playground
- An open outdoor play space for less structured play
- Beautifully maintained school grounds