

School Tour Check-Off List

Child-centered questions to help you evaluate care, learning, safety and overall fit.



School: _____ Tour date: _____ Toured with: _____

LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

- ☐ How will staff learn my child's strengths, needs, interests and learning style?
- ☐ How are activities adapted to my child's age and stage of development?
- ☐ How will my child be challenged without being rushed or overwhelmed?
- ☐ How is my child's progress observed, documented and shared with me?
- ☐ How will my child be prepared for the next classroom or stage of learning?

TEACHERS & RELATIONSHIPS

- ☐ Who will be my child's primary teacher, and how consistent is classroom staffing?
- ☐ How do teachers build trust and help my child feel secure and known?
- ☐ How will staff respond when my child is upset, frustrated or separating from me?
- ☐ How are behavior, peer conflict and big emotions guided?
- ☐ How will my child's culture, language and family background be respected?

SAFETY & INDIVIDUAL CARE

- ☐ How are attendance, supervision, authorized pickup and visitors managed?
- ☐ How will staff know and follow my child's allergy, medical or dietary plan?
- ☐ How are illness, injuries, medication and emergencies handled?
- ☐ How are rest, toileting, diapering and personal care handled respectfully?
- ☐ What support is available if my child needs accommodations or extra help?

DAILY EXPERIENCE & ENVIRONMENT

- ☐ What will my child's day actually look and feel like?
- ☐ How is time balanced among guided learning, free choice, outdoors and rest?
- ☐ How are meals and snacks handled, and what support is given during mealtimes?
- ☐ How will teachers help my child join play, communicate and build friendships?
- ☐ Do children appear safe, engaged, respected and known by name?

PROGRAM FIT & POLICIES

- ☐ Do the hours, calendar, closures and daily schedule meet my family's needs?
- ☐ What are all tuition, registration, supply and activity costs?
- ☐ Are payment plans, financial assistance or child-care subsidies accepted?
- ☐ What are the attendance, late pickup, vacation and withdrawal policies?
- ☐ How are family concerns, complaints or disagreements addressed?
- ☐ Is a transition visit offered, and what officially secures my child's placement?

FAMILY PARTNERSHIP & NEXT STEPS

- ☐ How will I hear about my child's day, development and important changes?
- ☐ Who should I contact with questions, and when should I expect a response?
- ☐ How are families invited to participate in the program?
- ☐ What happens if my child struggles or staff have a concern?
- ☐ What documents and next steps are required before my child begins?

NOTES & IMPRESSIONS

What stood out? What should I follow up on?

FINAL CHECK: Can I see my child learning, feeling safe and thriving here?

[] YES [] MAYBE - I NEED MORE INFORMATION [] NO