School Tour Questions Checklist

By Brittany Master, Founder of School Search Consulting **Instructions:** Use this checklist to ask the right questions on school tours.

Core Questions
 □ 1. How do you make sure every child is learning and growing, and what happens if they fall behind? □ 2. What does a normal day of learning look like here? □ 3. How do you handle behavior and help kids feel safe and included? □ 4. What makes this school unique, and what opportunities do students have beyond the classroom?
□ 5. How do you keep parents in the loop and work with families?
Elementary School Questions
☐ How do you support early literacy and numeracy skills?
☐ What is your approach to social-emotional learning at this age?
☐ How do you balance play, hands-on learning, and academics?
☐ What interventions are in place for students struggling academically or socially?
☐ How do you encourage curiosity and creativity in young learners?
Middle School Questions
☐ How do you support students during the transition from elementary to middle school? ☐ How are students grouped for core subjects and electives?
☐ What extracurricular opportunities help students explore interests and build confidence?
☐ How do you teach responsibility, study habits, and time management?
☐ How do teachers and staff monitor social-emotional development at this age?
High School Questions
☐ How does the school prepare students for college, careers, or other post-secondary paths? ☐ What AP, honors, or dual enrollment options are available?
☐ How are internships, mentorships, or work-based learning experiences incorporated?
☐ What support exists for mental health and academic challenges? ☐ How do students have opportunities for leadership, clubs, or student government?
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