

# School Reflection

## 1. Why Are We Looking for a New School?

What is not working in the current placement?

Is this primarily academic, behavioral, social, emotional, or safety-related?

Have interventions already been attempted? What were the results?

Is this about fit, services, or unmet legal obligations (FAPE concerns)?

What would 'better' look like for our child?

## 2. Services & Supports We Believe Our Child Needs

- Specialized academic instruction (reading/math/writing intervention)
- Executive functioning support
- Behavioral supports / ABA integration
- Speech therapy (articulation, language, social communication)
- Occupational therapy (sensory, fine motor, regulation)
- Physical therapy
- Counseling / mental health supports
- Life skills / adaptive skills programming
- Small class size / low student-to-staff ratio
- Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Prioritize What Matters Most

- Below are common priorities families consider. Check any that matter to you:
- Family communication and transparency
- Behavior support and safety
- Social interaction opportunities
- Academic rigor and progress monitoring
- Emotional regulation support
- Therapeutic services integrated during the school day
- Executive functioning skill development
- Low student-to-teacher ratio
- Staff experience and training
- Transition planning (middle school/high school/post-secondary)
- Transportation or commute distance
- Cost / ESA compatibility
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Now rank your TOP 3 priorities:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. Practical Considerations

How far are we willing to travel (minutes or miles)? \_\_\_\_\_

Are we open to schools outside the East Valley?

- Yes  No  Maybe

Is ESA funding available?  Unsure

- Yes  No

Do we need integrated therapies on-site?

- Yes  No  Maybe

Is a smaller school more important than specific methodology?

- Yes  No

Is transition back to public school a goal?

- Yes  No

### Reflection Prompt:

If we choose the RIGHT school, what changes do we hope to see in our child in 6–12 months?

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