



9 Qualities to Look for When You Tour a Preschool

Security:

- Were you able to simply open the door and enter the school?
- Did the office staff simply let you into the building?
- Was there someone there to verify your identity prior to you gaining access to the school?

Quality Customer Service and Atmosphere:

- Was the office staff friendly and outgoing?
- Were teachers and students happy?
- Did every teacher you encountered greet you?
- Did the school give you a warm home like feeling?
- What is the procedure to handle issues?
- Was the location clean?

Teachers:

- What are the requirements for teachers?
- Do you hire high school students?
- Do you provide ongoing training?
- How often do you run background checks?

Ratio:

- Are there multiple age groups in one classroom?
- Do the classrooms look over crowded?
- Are the students to teacher ratios low?
- Is the group size per classroom low?

Safety:

- Does the school have emergency plans for fire, severe weather, and lock down?
- Does the school practice these safety plans on a regular basis?
- Does the school provide first aid and C.P.R. training to **all** staff members?

Health:

- Are parents notified when their kid is sick or injured?
- How are they notified?
- How quickly are they notified?

Nutrition and Food Preparation:

- Does the school offer a variety of food?
- What about children with special diets?
- Are the meals balanced?
- Are meals prepared in house daily?
- Are the people handling food trained properly?
- Are the foods mainly fried foods?

Curriculum:

- What exactly is your child being taught?
- How will you know how they are doing?
- Is the curriculum well balanced between basic skills, science, arts as well as physical development and play time?
- Will your child be prepared to excel in Kindergarten?
- What guidelines do teachers follow when preparing their lesson plans?

Organization and Cleanliness:

- Does the school have a place for all supplies?
- Are there extra supplies stored in a work room for re-stocking?
- Are teacher's belongings in labeled bins?
- Are the classrooms cleaned regularly?
- Do they use harsh chemicals?

