Choosing child care and early education is an important decision. Use this form to research and compare child care/learning centers and find the best fit for you and your child.

### School Comparison Checklist

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<td>Was the school welcoming and inviting, with staff positively engaged with children?</td>
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<td>Are there strict security procedures for entering the building?</td>
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<td>Does the staff have instant access to children’s medical information, plus arrival and departure times?</td>
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<td>Does the school offer a mobile app to provide parents regular updates?</td>
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<td>Are exterior cameras in use to ensure a safe, secure environment?</td>
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<td>Are programs based on age-appropriate learning and development objectives?</td>
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<td>b. Does the curriculum emphasize school readiness based on state standards?</td>
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<td>c. Do children learn individually as well as in groups?</td>
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<td>Is there a plan for tracking and achieving developmental goals?</td>
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<td>Do parents get regular updates (written, verbal, photos) about their child’s activities and developmental progress?</td>
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<td>Does the school have a health and fitness program?</td>
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<td>Are teachers trained and certified in CPR, first aid, and infection control?</td>
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<td>Are there regular procedures to prevent germs and sanitize toys/learning materials?</td>
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<td>Were the building, classrooms, and equipment clean and in good working order?</td>
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