



School Visit Checklist

Traditional Schooling

Bring this along during school tours or open houses — in-person or virtual.

Atmosphere & Environment

- ☒ Is the school culture warm and welcoming?
 - ☒ Do classrooms feel lively and engaging?
 - ☒ Are students actively participating?
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Teacher & Student Dynamics

- ☒ Observe how teachers speak to students — is it respectful and encouraging?
 - ☒ Do students seem comfortable asking questions or seeking help?
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Safety & Cleanliness

- ☒ Are hallways, classrooms, and common areas clean and well-maintained?
- ☒ What safety measures and protocols are in place?

Enrichment Opportunities

- ✓ Are there programs in Art, Music, STEM, and Physical Education?
 - ✓ Are extracurriculars or clubs available?
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Communication & Family Engagement

- ✓ How often and through what channels does the school communicate with parents?
 - ✓ Is there a PTA or opportunities for parent involvement?
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Inclusivity & Student Support

- ✓ Is the student population diverse?
 - ✓ What services are available for learning differences, language learners, or emotional support?
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Final Tip

Trust both your head and your heart.

A school's energy — even over Zoom — often tells you just as much as its test scores.

Helpful Resources

- GreatSchools.org – Compare school ratings, reviews, and test scores
 - [NCES School Finder](https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/datacenter/schoolfinder/) – Search for schools by district, state, or ZIP code
 - [U.S. Department of Education School Locator](https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/datacenter/schoolfinder/) – Access local district information and contact details
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