

CHILD CARE CHECKLIST

One of the most important decisions you will make as a parent is choosing a child care provider. You want your children to participate in programs that encourage creative exploration and discovery, lessons that prepare them for a lifetime of learning, and above all, you want your children to be safe and happy. To help you narrow down your choices and make an informed decision, we've compiled a checklist for you to use as you visit each child care location. Take your time and review your options carefully.

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT	YES	NO
Warm and inviting atmosphere	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff is patient, loving and responsive.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall environment is pleasant.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Positive communication with children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Person conducting tour is knowledgeable of age-appropriate learning practices.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Person conducting tour acknowledged child	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SAFETY		
Adult supervision at all times	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Age-appropriate learning materials.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hand washing techniques followed by caregivers.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All dangerous products, such as medications and chemicals, are kept out of reach of children.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Current licenses and permits posted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Smoke detectors and fire extinguishers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teachers are First Aid and CPR certified.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Instant access to medical information and arrival/departure times	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Immunizations required	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Locked entrances prevent unauthorized access to the lobby area and building.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
FAMILY COMMUNICATION		
Emergency weather/evacuation plans are provided	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
On-going school event notices available	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regular verbal and written communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LEARNING ENVIRONMENT		
Provides fun environment for learning.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skill development through small/large and individual/group activities daily	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teachers treat each child as an individual; encourages them to explore and discover through their own ways	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teachers follow age-appropriate practices/guidelines.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prepares students to meet or exceed the latest Kindergarten Readiness standards.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Daily outdoor play (weather permitting).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Small class sizes allow for plenty of individual attention.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teachers receive professional development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advanced curriculum planning and child assessment technologies.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Classroom learning centers include quiet, dramatic play, problem solving, creative, construction, reading and math areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
FACILITY		
Separate diaper changing areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bathrooms with child-sized commodes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No signs of needed repair or maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>