



Recommended questions for parents to ask when researching new Elementary & High Schools

1. Has the school achieved Annual yearly Progress (AYP)?
2. Is the school a Title One school? (This means that 50% or more of the student body qualifies for free and reduced lunch)
3. What is the typical class size?
4. What kind of support programs does the school offer? (Gifted & Talented, Before & After School programs, After school clubs, drama, music, athletics, computers, library, etc.)
5. What is the homework policy?
6. How often do the classes take fieldtrips?
7. Is there an active PTA/PTO?
8. What kind of parent involvement/volunteer opportunities are there?
9. Does the school have an open door policy for parents?
10. Does the school district have "Open Enrollment?"
11. Is preschool free or on a tuition basis?
12. Are most of the children in school reading at grade level?
13. Is bus transportation provided?
14. What standardized tests will my student take at your school?
15. When will the yearly standardized tests be administered?
16. What is the district's graduation rate?
17. Do you have a district/school profile available for parents?
18. How safe is the neighborhood around the school?
19. Is the school aesthetically inviting for all who walk in through the front door?
20. Do you offer tours of your school grounds?