



Parent Checklist

This checklist will help you make an informed decision when visiting Little Scholars Academy schools or other child-care and learning centers.



Center 1

Center 2

About the Learning Process

Questions to Ask

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| Does the curriculum prepare children for kindergarten based on the state standards for school readiness? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Does the class follow a daily routine that offers a variety of activities? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Does the program emphasize phonemic awareness, vocabulary building, pre-writing and math? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Things to look for

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| Do you see evidence that the teachers use a variety of methods to teach letters, numbers, shapes and new vocabulary words? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is an activity and lesson plan posted, and is the teacher following it? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do the children appear to be happy and engaged in activities? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

About the teachers

Questions to ask

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| Do the teachers participate in 12 hours or more of in-service training each year? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do teachers use educational resources like curriculum guides, lesson plans and child-development resources? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do teachers receive program training, support and ongoing training? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Things to look for

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| Are teachers dressed professionally and well groomed? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are teachers warm and caring with children? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| When the children are outside, are the teachers engaged and encouraging the children's play? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



About the Facility

Things to look for

Do rooms have separate learning centers (reading, art, dramatic play, writing, etc.) with interesting equipment and materials?

Do the children have appropriate playground equipment?

Are toys age appropriate?

Do display areas on walls contain children's artwork and writing and photographs of class projects or activities?

Is there an abundance of age-appropriate children's literature?

About the Parents

Questions to ask:

Are parents welcome to drop in without making an appointment?

Does the program hold parent/teacher conferences at least twice a year?

Are there daily and/or weekly reports sent to parents?