

Questions to Ask When Evaluating a Childcare Facility

Safety

- Are there security measures in place?
- Are the outside gates and perimeters locked?
- Is there an emergency plan, and is it posted?
- Does the school contact you in case of emergency?
- Are hazardous materials locked away?

Curriculum

- What is the educational philosophy?
- Is the curriculum academic based?
- Are there active play opportunities in the curriculum?
- Are the teachers trained or decreed?
- Is there a lesson plan?
- Are the children involved in activities that promote learning?

Atmosphere

- Is the school clean?
- Are the toys cleaned regularly?
- Is the infant room clean?
- Where do children nap, and how do staff members put babies down to sleep?

Interaction

- Is there a discipline policy?
- Do the children seem happy?
- Do the children seem occupied and engaged?
- Are the children involved in activities that promote learning?

Staff

- Do staff members seem patient and receptive to the children's needs?
- Do they appear friendly, and do they interact in a positive manner with children?
- Are there active play opportunities in the curriculum?
- What is the teacher-to-child ratio?
- Is there daily communication with parents about their child's progress?
- Do staff members read to the children?

Daily Reporting

- Receive electronic daily reports via email.
- Report includes nap schedule, meal info and activities throughout the day.
- Get photos, videos, notes and reminders instantly to your email.