

CHOOSING YOUR CHILD CARE CHECKLIST

Choosing the right care for your child is one of the most important decisions you will make. Research tells us that children's brains are rapidly developing between infancy and age five. A child's healthy development depends on positive, engaging experiences during these early years of life. It is important to explore your options.

- Ask family, friends and coworkers to recommend local high-quality providers.
 Visit each school's website to learn more about their programs.
- 3. Once you've developed a short list of top choices visit the center and take a tour.

TOPIC	THINGS TO CONSIDER	LADYBIRD	SCHOOL #2	SCHOOL #3
School Name				
BASIC INFO				
Location	How close is it to your home?			
	How close is it to your work?			
Hours	What are the operating hours?	6:30a – 6:30p		
Tuition	What are the tuition prices?			
	Are there different fees for different ages?	Yes		
	Do fees include breakfast, lunch and/or snacks?	Yes		
	Are there discounts for siblings?	Yes		
	Is there a discount for military service?	Yes		
	Are there any extra fees – registration fee, supply fees, late fees?	Yes		
	Does tuition cover any enrichment programs (i.e. art studio, dramatic	Yes		
	play, computer lab and foreign languages?)	105		
Quality	Is the school part of a larger regional organization?	Yes		
	If so, does the organization have a quality assurance program?	Yes		
	How often is the school evaluated to ensure quality and consistency?	Monthly		
Accreditation	Is the school registered? Licensed? Accredited?	Yes		
Accreditation	Who is the Accrediting organization?	APPLE / NECPA		
Teacher Ratio	What is the teacher/student ratio? Look for low ratios.	AFFEL / NECFA		
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HEALTH AND S				
Security	What are the school's policies related to safety?	N N		
	Are the doors leading to main hallways always locked?	Yes		
	Is the front reception desk always staffed?			
	Does the school have biometric checking in and out?	Yes		
	Are the playground spaces securely fenced?	Yes		
Health &	Is hand washing encouraged?	Yes		
Nutrition	Are toys, books and furniture in good shape?			
	Are medicines and cleaners locked away?	Yes		
	Does the school provide a healthy nutritious meal plan?	Yes		
CURRICULUM				
Goals &	Does the philosophy fit with your values?			
Philosophy	Is the curriculum research based?	Yes, ABEKA		
	Does the curriculum prepare for elementary school, academically	Yes		
	and socially/emotionally?			
	Is each child's development tracked and shared with parents on a	Yes		
	regular basis.			
Subjects	Are Math, Science, Reading, Writing, Foreign Languages and Art	Yes		
	taught as part of the every day lesson plans?			
Enrichment	Doe the school have separate enrichment rooms specifically	Yes		
Learning	designed to teach Computers and Technology, Reading, Art and			
	Crafts and Dramatic Play?			
Field Trips	Are in house field trips provided? If so, how often?	Yes, Monthly		
	Are field trips included in the tuition?	Yes		
		Yes		
	Does the school offer VPK only and VPK Wrap programs?			
Infants &	Does the school use sign language in the infant and toddler	Yes		
Pre-K Infants & Toddlers	Does the school use sign language in the infant and toddler classrooms?	Yes		
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FACILITY AND E	NVIRONMENT			
Features &	Are the classrooms bright, clean, warm and inviting?			
Facility	Does the school have a separate dining room/cafeteria?	Yes		
	Are there separate age appropriate playgrounds?	Yes		
	Do the playgrounds have impact absorbing safety surfacing?	Yes		
	Does the school have separate state of the art learning enrichment	100		
	rooms? i.e. Art Studio, Play Town, Cyber Lab and Themed Story			
	Time Library?			
	Does the school offer a web camera service?	Yes		
	Does the school utilize a sanitation device for equipment and toys?			
	Is the facility clean, tidy and appealing?			
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PEOPLE				
Overall Feel	Are the children and teachers happy? Listen to your instinct!			
Training	What are the training requirements for teachers?			
<u> </u>	Is there ongoing professional development for teachers?	Yes	1	1
	Are teachers certified in first aid and CPR?	Yes	1	1
Staff Turnover	How long have the staff/teachers been with the school?			
	How does the school handle staff turnover?			
PARENT COMM	UNICATION			
Communication	Does the school provide child reports at the end of each day?	Yes		
Methods	Are the reports provided digitally via email?	Yes		
	Does school communication include:			
	Newsletters, Letters to Parents, Telephone Conversations?	Yes		
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