

# 30 Questions Parents Should Ask When Choosing a School for Their Children

- What is your school's greatest strength? What do you do better than other schools?
- What are your school's core values?
- How would you describe your school's culture?
- What spiritual emphasis, if any, does your school provide?

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- What is your philosophy of education?
  - What curriculum do you use for my child's grade level?
  - How do you select educational materials that support your curriculum?
  - What instructional methods are used in the classroom?
  - What outcomes do you intend for your graduates? What knowledge, skills and virtues do you instill in your students, and how do you deliver them?

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- What foreign language courses do you offer, and for what grades are they offered?
  - How many years of each language do you offer at the high school level?
  - How many years of math and science do you offer or require at the high school level?
  - What is your school's commitment to technology?
  - What fine arts programs do you offer, and for what grades are they offered?
  - What physical education programming do you provide, and what sports do you offer? At what grade levels are these offered?
  - What Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses do you offer?
  - Does your school follow the Common Core? Why or why not?

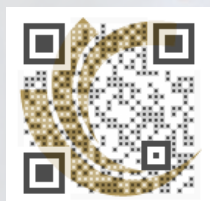
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- For what grades, and how often do you administer standardized achievement tests?
  - Which achievement tests do you use, and why?
  - How do your class-level and whole-school achievement scores compare to other schools or districts?
  - What is your teacher/student ratio? What is your average and maximum class size?

- What college guidance services do you provide? How many students is each college guidance counselor responsible to advise?
- What colleges and universities do your graduates attend?
- How many merit-based scholarship dollars have your recent graduates been offered to attend colleges and universities? Considering the size of your graduating classes, how does that total equate to scholarship dollars per graduate, on average?

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- How can I get involved as a parent at this school?
  - How would I get an appointment with the head of this school?
  - How does your school respond to reports of bullying?
  - What measures are in place to ensure my child's safety at your school?
  - What is your school's position on "hot topics" such as creation/evolution, choose life/pro-choice debate, and gay rights?
  - What is the total annual dollar amount I will be responsible to pay (apart from food, clothing and overnight lodging), including all tuition, athletic and activities fees, field trip and other travel charges, books and supplies, compulsory capital building fees, event attendance charges, yearbook and school pictures, and other incidental fees or charges?

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