

15 Questions to ask when choosing a preschool



The big question (keep this in mind the entire time!)

What **exactly** do you hope to gain from your child's education?



About the program

- Is the school licensed?
- What is the student-teacher ratio?
- How many students are in each class?
- What does the daily schedule look like? (Including how much outdoor/play time!)
- Are there mixed age groups?
- Do the children have time for both independent and group learning?

Pause!

Do you know the cost?

Some schools will have it listed online, others won't say until you ask!

About the teaching team

- What is the teacher's educational background?
- How long has the teacher been teaching?
- What is your school's educational philosophy?

Routines and expectations

- What is the drop-off and pick-up policy?
- What are the school hours? (and, are there any closures throughout the year?)
- Does my child need to be potty trained?
- What is the school's nutritional approach?
- How does your staff handle discipline?