

Fountainhead's questions to ask when researching your child's future preschool.

-make a copy of this checklist for each school you visit-

Place a check in the box if the program meets your expectations.	
<i>Curriculum</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Is there a mix of teacher-initiated group activities and child-chosen individual activities?	
Do the children have daily outdoor play with access to age appropriate playground equipment?	
Does each child have her own record of growth and progress?	
Do the children work creatively on open-ended art projects and activities to nurture their social skills and creativity?	
Is there a schedule to ensure your child is with the same teacher(s) every day?	
Does the program emphasize school readiness skills, such as phonetics, vocabulary building, pre-writing and math?	
Do you see specific and well thought out activities available to the children?	
Are the children respectful of each other? Are they engaged in activities?	
What is the centers policy on discipline? Is it positive with an educational approach?	
Are there on-site field trips, ie., special enrichment programs brought to the school?	
<i>Teachers</i>	
Are teachers respectful, and helping children in a manner that encourages learning and foster life long skills?	
Do the teachers work together to create a warm, loving, and caring environment?	
Are there long-term consistent teachers in the classrooms? Ask how long they have been with the center.	
Does the center have on-site, regular substitutes?	
Are teachers assessed on a regular basis?	
What type of training do the teachers receive? Do they have an opportunity for ongoing education?	
Are teachers rewarded for continuing education?	

