

# Questions to Ask on a School Tour

**A school tour is your chance to ask teachers, principals and other school staff questions that still linger for you after your other research.**

1. What makes your school unique? How is it different from all the other schools available to me?
2. What is your policy on parents visiting the classroom?
3. What's the average class size at your school?
4. Is there an active parents' group? If so, how are parents involved?
5. What type of organized, family engagement activities do you offer?
6. Do you offer special education and gifted/enrichment programs?
7. Can you talk about the school's performance on student assessment tests?
8. How do you handle discipline and student conflicts?
9. What is the principal's background and how long has he/she been at the school?
10. What percent of your teachers have teaching credentials? What is the training of those who do not?
11. What are your academic goals for students in kindergarten (or perhaps in all grades)?
12. What skills and knowledge are parents expected to reinforce at home?
13. How do you accommodate a range of learning needs (specifically your child's unique learning style)? (This is best asked individually since it may not apply to everyone in a group tour.)