

Parent Checklist: Questions to Ask About New School Districts

Student Assignment & Enrollment

1. How are students assigned to schools?

- Based on home address
- School choice options
- Other: _____

2. What documentation and forms are required to register my child?

- Proof of residency
- Birth certificate
- Immunization records
- Other: _____



3. Are any forms available online?

- Yes
- No
- Website link (if applicable): _____

4. Are there any deadlines for enrolling in the school?

- Yes _____
- No

Transportation

5. What transportation options are available?

- Bus provided
- Parent transportation required
- Other: _____



Class Size & Staffing

6. What is the average class size? _____

7. What is the teacher-to-student ratio? _____

Before & After-School Programs

8. Are there before-school and after-school programs available for students in elementary school?

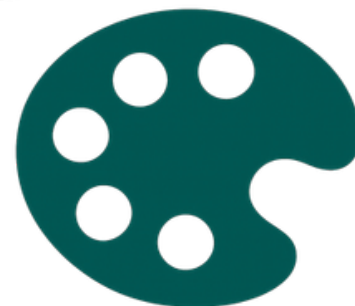
- **Before-school program:** Yes No
 - Is it located at school? Yes No
 - IF off-site, is transportation provided to/from program? Yes No
 - Is there a fee for transportation? Yes \$_____ No
- **After-school program:**
 - Is it located at school? Yes No
 - IF off-site, is transportation provided to/from program? Yes No
 - Is there a fee for transportation? Yes \$_____ No

9. Are there before-school and after-school programs available for students in middle school / junior high? Yes No

Extracurricular Activities & Sports

10. What extracurricular activities are offered at the school?

- Music (band, orchestra, chorus)
- Arts
- Drama/theater
- Dance
- Languages
- Robotics/STEM
- Debate
- Sports (specify) _____
- Other: _____



11. Where are these activities held?

- On school grounds Elsewhere in the community (location): _____

12. Are there costs for these activities? (ex: for registration, equipment, uniforms, instruments)

- Yes No
- \$_____ (estimated cost)

13. Do school field trips typically have a cost?

- Yes No
- \$_____ (estimated cost)
- Is financial assistance available to help families pay for field trips?
- Yes
 - No

Extracurricular Activities & Sports (cont.)

14. Are summer programs offered? Yes No

• Where are they located? Yes No

• What are the costs for summer programs? \$_____ (estimated cost)

• Is financial assistance available to help families pay for summer programs?

Yes

No

15. Does the school have tutoring resources? Yes No

In-school (during the day)

After-school

Other: _____ Location: _____

Estimated Cost: _____ Is financial assistance available? _____

16. Does the school offer...

Advanced placement (AP) courses

Honors courses

Can students opt into these courses? Yes No



School Culture & Communication

17. How does the school promote belonging and inclusion?

18. How do teachers and administrators communicate with parents?

- Email
- Phone
- Text
- Parent portal
- Other: _____



19. How often does the school typically communicate with parents?

Special Education Services (if applicable)

20. Does the district offer specialized support services? Yes No

What types of support services are available at the school?

21. Who is the key contact person for Special Education at the school?

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Additional Notes: _____

Early Childhood & Academic Support

22. Does the district offer free Pre-K? Yes No

If NO, what is the cost? _____

Key Contacts:

Please tell me who is the key contact for:

Superintendent's Office:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Guidance/Social Work/Counseling

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____