



If your child will be starting a new school in the fall, here are some questions to consider.

Elementary School Questions

- What is the school's total enrollment and average class size?
- What is the curriculum for my child's grade?
- What type of parental involvement is the most helpful?
- How can I become involved? And what activities can I do at home to reinforce school lessons?
- How do you measure a child's academic and social progress?
- Are all students expected to read independently by the end of the third grade?
- What help is available for children who are behind or ahead academically and socially?
- What happens when individual teachers and students just don't get along? Are children allowed to transfer to another class?

Middle School Questions

- What is the enrollment and average class size in the school?
- What programs are available to address the needs of children in this age group who are maturing at different rates during puberty?
- What is the role of a middle school guidance counselor? About how many students are assigned to each counselor?
- Are there mentoring, peer counseling, or tutoring programs available to students who need more help?
- Are students assigned lockers?
- How much homework should I expect my child to do?
- How are students prepared for the transition to high school? How can parents ease the transition?
- Are all students expected to take and pass algebra in order to move on to high school?
- What does the school do to help students get on track for college—the right courses, college financing information?

High School Questions

- What is the enrollment and average class size in the school?
- What guidance is offered students regarding course selection? What can parents do to help?
- What help is available to students regarding college selection, SAT preparation, financial aid college applications, and scholarship information?
- What can parents do to obtain this information?
- What advanced placement courses and subjects are available? How are students selected for these courses?
- Are there peer counseling, tutoring, or mentoring programs? Is community service required?
- Are internships, apprenticeships, or other school-to-work programs available?
- What percentage of students graduate?
- What percentage of students go on to four-year colleges or universities? Two-year community colleges? Vocational education?
- Does the school participate in or sponsor technology events such as "Net Day"?
- Are parents involved in developing the school's technology plan?