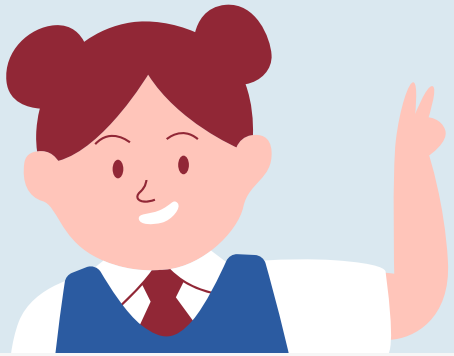


# TOP 16 QUESTIONS TO ASK ON A PRIVATE SCHOOL TOUR



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If you are considering a private school for your child, you'll want to take a close look at your options. Most private schools have rigorous standards, but no two are alike. Scheduling a campus tour is a crucial first step of the entire admissions process.

When you schedule your visits, allow enough time to get a feel for each school. Not sure what questions to ask? We've compiled a list of questions to get the most out of your tour experience.

- 1 What is your mission and vision statement?**
- 2 How is your mission statement applied in the classroom and throughout the school community?**
- 3 What does a "mission appropriate" student look like?**
- 4 What kind of academic focus do they typically have?**
- 5 What kinds of interests do they have outside of academics?**
- 6 What curriculum does your school implement? Why?**
- 7 How is technology integrated into the classroom?**
- 8 What is the average class size and student-to-teacher ratio for my child's class?**
- 9 What is the homework policy? How much homework is there on a nightly basis?**

### **TIP #1**

*Visit the school's website and locate their mission statement. After reading it carefully, the mission statement should give you a clear sense of what the school is about.*

### **TIP #2**

*Don't try to force your child into a school's concept of a model student. If he or she doesn't fit this model, the school may not be a good match.*

### **TIP #3**

*Don't be afraid to ask specific and concrete questions. The more direct your questions are, the more likely you'll get the answers that will help determine the school that's the best fit for your individual child.*

- 10 What kinds of extracurricular activities do you offer?
- 11 How does the school view the role of community service?
- 12 What are the elective courses or specialty classes offered at the school?
- 13 How much is tuition? What does tuition include?
- 14 Does the school offer tuition assistance?
- 15 What support do you have available for working families?
- 16 How engaged are parents at the school? What kinds of activities can parents get involved in?

#### TIP #4

*Ask which extracurricular activities are available for your child at their age.*

#### TIP #5

*Many schools offer financial support. If necessary, ask about tuition assistance options and how the process works.*

#### TIP #6

*School community is important. Attend an event, meet current families, and talk to students to get a better feel for the community.*

**During your search, we'd love to be one of your stops!**

**SCHEDULE A TOUR!**



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