

School Visit Checklist for Parents

Step 1: Collect some background information on the school.

	School 1: _____	School 2: _____	School 3: _____
What kind of school is it? (traditional public, magnet, charter, or private)			
What kinds of demographics are at the school? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mostly all one income level? • Socio-economically diverse? • Mostly all one race/ethnicity/religion? • Diverse race/ethnicity/religion? <p><i>Demographics don't matter to all people, but some people are interested in making certain that their children attend diverse schools. Ignore if you are not concerned about this.</i></p>			
How does the school meet the needs of students who receive special education services? <p><i>This may only be a concern to you if your child has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP).</i></p>			
What are the school's standardized test scores? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What percentage of students are scoring proficient or advanced? <p><i>If the school is a public school, you can find this information at www.mcids.dese.mo.gov, but we encourage you to ask for this information when you visit the school.</i></p>			

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Step 2: Visit the school during regular school hours. Observe the classrooms in which your child will be enrolled.

	School 1: _____	School 2: _____	School 3: _____
Are the students excited and engaged in what they are learning?			
Is the teacher checking for understanding?			
Are students on task and paying attention?			
Is the classroom a place where you would want to spend your time?			
Do staff members appear to be respectful to students?			
Do students appear to be respectful to each other and to the adults in the building?			
Is there data on student achievement posted in the building? Does this data demonstrate work that would both challenge and excite your child?			
Does the teacher appear to follow a plan?			

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Step 3: Talk with a teacher or administrator at the school.

	School 1: _____	School 2: _____	School 3: _____
How are decisions made about curriculum?			
Ask questions that are specific to your child... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allergies? • Special needs? • Physical considerations? • Curricular needs? 			
What are the expectations of parents?			
What opportunities do parents have to be involved in the school?			
What is the school's discipline policy?			

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Step 4: Talk to a child who attends the school.

	School 1: _____	School 2: _____	School 3: _____
What does the child think about the school?			
What does the child dislike about the school?			

Step 5: Look at the physical structure of the school.

	School 1: _____	School 2: _____	School 3: _____
Is the school in a safe neighborhood? Is the building secured?			
Is it easy for young children to find their way around the school?			
Is the school somewhere that you, as a parent, would like to spend time?			
Do the bulletin boards have current student work on them?			
Are there enough books, chairs, or desks for all of the children?			



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District name, address, and phone number	District website	Date contacted	Name, title, and contact info of the person with whom you spoke	Result/status
Affton 8701 Mackenzie Rd. St. Louis, MO 63123 314-638-8770	www.affton.k12.mo.us			
Bayless 4530 Weber Rd. St. Louis, MO 63123 314-256-8660	www.baylessk12.org			
Brentwood 1201 Hanley Industrial Ct. Brentwood, MO 63144 314-962-4507	www.brentwood.k12.mo.us			
Clayton #2 Mark Twain Circle Clayton, MO 63105 Main line: 314-854-6000; For enrollment and registration: 314-854-6028	www.clayton.k12.mo.us			
Ferguson-Florissant 1005 Waterford Dr. Florissant, MO 63033 Main line: 314-506-9000; for admissions: 314-506-9962	www.fergflor.org			



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Hancock Place 9417 S. Broadway St. Louis, MO 63125 314-544-1300	www.sd.hancock.k12.mo.us			
Hazelwood 15955 New Halls Ferry Rd. Florissant, MO 63031 314-953-5000	www.hazelwoodschools.org			
Kirkwood 11289 Manchester Rd. Kirkwood, MO 63122 314-213-6100	www.kirkwoodschools.org			
Ladue 9703 Conway Rd. Ladue, MO 63124 314-994-7080	www.ladueschools.net			
Lindbergh R-VIII 4900 S. Lindbergh Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63126 314-729-2400	www.lindberghschools.ws			
Maplewood-Richmond Heights 7539 Manchester Rd. Maplewood, MO 63143 314-644-4400	www.mrhdsd.org			
Mehlville 3120 Lemay Ferry Rd. St. Louis, MO 63125 314-467-5000	www.mehlilleschooldistrict.com			



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<p>Meramec Valley R-III 126 N. Payne St. Pacific, MO 63039</p> <p>636-271-1400</p>	<p>www.mvr3.k12.mo.us</p>			
<p>Parkway 455 N. Woods Mill Rd. Chesterfield, MO 63017</p> <p>Main line: 314-415-9900 Registration line: 314-415-9900</p>	<p>www.parkwayschools.net</p>			
<p>Pattonville 11097 St. Charles Rock Rd. St. Ann, MO 63074</p> <p>314-213-8500</p>	<p>www.psd3.org</p>			
<p>Ritenour 2420 Woodson Rd. St. Louis, MO 63114</p> <p>Main line: 314-493-6010 Registration Information Line: 314-493-6048</p>	<p>www.ritenour.k12.mo.us</p>			
<p>Rockwood 111 E. North St. Eureka, MO 63025</p> <p>636-733-2000</p>	<p>www.rockwood.k12.mo.us</p>			
<p>University City 8136 Groby Rd. University City, MO 63130</p> <p>314-290-4000</p>	<p>www.ucityschools.org</p>			



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Valley Park One Main St. Valley Park, MO 63088 636-923-3500	www.vp.k12.mo.us			
Webster Groves 400 E. Lockwood Ave. Webster Groves, MO 63119 314-961-1233	www.webster.k12.mo.us			