

## Choosing the Right Childcare

One of the most important decisions you will make as a parent is choosing a child care provider. You want your children to participate in programs that encourage creative exploration and discovery, lessons that prepare them for a lifetime of learning, and above all, you want your children to be safe and happy. To help you narrow down your choices and make an informed decision, we've compiled a checklist for you to use.

Yes	No	<b>School Environment</b>
		Warm and inviting atmosphere
		Staff is patient, loving and responsive
		Overall environment is pleasant
		Positive communication with children
		Person conducting tour is knowledgeable of age-appropriate learning practices
		Person conducting tour acknowledged child
		Warm welcoming campus
		Nutritious breakfast, lunch and snack included in tuition
		Christian character development included in our curriculum
		Enrichment interactive music program provided
		<b>Safety</b>
		Adult supervision at all times
		Age-appropriate learning materials
		Hand washing techniques followed by caregivers
		All dangerous products, such as medications and chemicals, are kept out of reach of children
		Separate diaper changing areas
		Current licenses and permits posted
		Smoke detectors and fire extinguishers
		Teachers are First Aid and CPR certified
		Immunizations required
		Locked entrances prevent unauthorized access to the classrooms and playgrounds
		<b>Family Communication</b>
		Emergency weather/evacuation plans are provided
		On-going school event notices available
		Regular verbal and written communication
		Monthly newsletters/calendars
		Daily progress reports
		<b>Learning Environment</b>
		Low teacher-to-student ratios
		Provides fun environment for learning
		Prepares students to meet or exceed the latest Kindergarten Readiness standards
		Skill development through small/large and individual/group activities daily
		Teachers treat each child as an individual; encourages them to explore and discover through their own ways
		Teachers follow age-appropriate practices/guidelines
		Daily outdoor play on safe, age-appropriate playgrounds
		Indoor gym (for inclement weather, activities and performances)
		Teachers receive professional development
		Classroom learning centers include quiet, dramatic play, problem solving, creative, construction, reading and math areas

