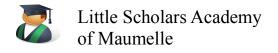


Parent Checklist

This checklist will help you make an informed decision when visiting Little Scholars Academy schools or other child-care and learning centers.

	Center 1	Center 2
About the Learning Process		
Questions to Ask		
Does the curriculum prepare children for kindergarten based on the state standards for school readiness?		
Does the class follow a daily routine that offers a variety of activities?		
Does the program emphasize phonemic awareness, vocabulary building, pre-writing and math?		
Things to look for		
Do you see evidence that the teachers use a variety of methods to teach letters, numbers, shapes and new vocabulary words?		
Is an activity and lesson plan posted, and is the teacher following it?		
Do the children appear to be happy and engaged in activities?		
About the teachers		
Questions to ask		
Do the teachers participate in 12 hours or more of in-service training each year?		
Do teachers use educational resources like curriculum guides, lesson plans and child-development resources?		
Do teachers receive program training, support and ongoing training?		
Things to look for		
Are teachers dressed professionally and well groomed?		
Are teachers warm and caring with children?		
When the children are outside, are the teachers engaged and encouraging the children's play?		



Parent Checklist Continued



Center 1 Center 2

About the Facility		
Things to look for		
Do rooms have separate learning centers (reading, art, dramatic play, writing, etc.) with interesting equipment and materials?		
Do the children have appropriate playground equipment?		
Are toys age appropriate?		
Do display areas on walls contain children's artwork and writing and photographs of class projects or activities?		
Is there an abundance of age-appropriate children's literature?		
About the Parents		
Questions to ask:		
Are parents welcome to drop in without making an appointment?		
Does the program hold parent/teacher conferences at least twice a year?		
Are there daily and/or weekly reports sent to parents?		