

QUESTIONS TO ASK

- 1. What is the school’s philosophy, vision? Does the school have a code of conduct?

- 2. What kind of leadership and governance does the school have? Is it governed by a board or an owner-operator? Is it non-profit or for-profit?

- 3. What does tuition include? Are other items extra—uniforms, books, technology, extracurricular activities?

- 4. What curriculum does the school use? Does it follow, meet or exceed the provincial education guidelines? What happens if your child switches to the public system down the road?

- 5. What is the student-to-teacher ratio? Maximum class size?

- 6. What are the teachers’ qualifications? What kind of professional development are they offered?

- 7. Where do the school’s graduates go? In the case of a high school, what percentage of students go on to university? Do they get accepted to their first choice?

- 8. Is there an entrance test? What type? How much emphasis is placed on the results?

- 9. How does technology fit into the curriculum?

- 10. Ask about their approach. How is this sensibility reflected in the school program and setting? How does this mesh with your values?

- 11. What is the school’s approach to discipline?

- 12. Does the school provide daycare or have extended hours?

- 13. Is there an endowment fund? To what extent does the school support families in need?

- 14. How willing is the school to involve parents? Is there a parent council? How much parental involvement is expected?

- 15. What type of student is the school looking for?

- 16. How does the school measure individual achievement and progress?

- 17. How does the school respond to a child who is not meeting academic expectations or who has gaps in knowledge?

- 18. What is the school’s homework policy? Is there homework help?

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