

## Quality Care Checklist



**Our Vision:**

The first five years of a child's life are a time of intense growth and discovery, building a solid foundation for learning later on in life. Young children learn best when they are in a supportive environment that encourages them to explore with all of their senses.

Our classrooms and curriculum are designed to provide sensory-motor experiences that nurture growth in all areas of development.

As children gain skills, knowledge and understanding through rich play and academic experiences, they grow intellectually, physically, socially and emotionally. Because each child learns at his/her individual pace and prefers particular learning styles, we measure progress individually. Our goal is to be a partner alongside parents, and we share each family's desire to help their child reach his/her fullest potential.

		Today's Life	School #2	School #3
<b>Basic Info</b>				
Location	How close is it to your home?			
	How close is it to your work?			
Hours	What are hours of operation	7am to 6:15pm		
Tuition	How much is the tuition?			
	Are there different fees for different ages?	Yes		
	Do fees include meals?	Yes /Not Infants		
	Are there discounts for siblings?	10% off of older sibling (full time only)		
	Is there a discount if my child is out a full week?	20%		
	Are there any extra fees- registration fees, supply fees, late fees?			
	Does tuition cover any enrichment programs (music, physical fitness, Spanish, etc.)	Yes		
Quality	Is the school part of a cooperation, or private?	Private		



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	Does the organization have assurance program?	Yes		
Teacher Ratio	What is the teacher/ student ratio?	I.1/4,T.1/7, P.1/10		
<b>Health &amp; Safety</b>				
Security	What are the school's policies related to safety?			
	Does each child get their own crib or cot?	Yes		
	Is the front entry always locked and staffed for security?	Yes		
	Does the school have an emergency preparedness plan?	Yes		
	Are there safe, fenced, litter-free outdoor play areas?	Yes		
	Does center allow blankets in crib?	No – we follow safe sleep procedures		
	Does staff check infants often while they are sleeping to make sure they are breathing?	Yes, constantly checking on the children		
<b>Health &amp; Nutrition</b>				
	Is hand washing encouraged?	Yes, required and developing self- help skills		
	Are toys, books and furniture in good shape?	Yes		
	Does a nurse come once a moth?	Yes, a nurse from MN Child Care		



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		Health Consultants		
	Are meals prepped on site?	Yes		
	Does the school provide nutritious food?	Yes, menus available at your request		
	Does staff keep in touch with parents about child's health throughout the day?	Yes, especially through our Daily Connect App		
	Does center post any serious illnesses notifications around the center?	Yes		
	Are medicines and cleansers locked up away from children reach?	Yes		
<b>Curriculum</b>				
Goals/ Philosophy	Does the philosophy fit with your values?			
	Is the curriculum research-based?	Yes		
	Does curriculum prepare children for elementary school, academically and socially/emotionally?	Yes		
	Is each child's development tracked and shared with parents on a regular basis?	Yes, also conferences twice a year		
Social-Emotional	Is there a character development program?	Yes Letter Muncher		
Programs	Does the school offer activities to support the community?	Yes		
Math	How does the school introduce math concepts?	High Scope Curriculum & Houghton Mifflin		

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Reading	What is the school's approach to teaching reading?	High Scope Curriculum & Houghton Mifflin		
Music	Is music integrated into the curriculum for teaching and learning rather than playing in the background?	Yes, daily		
Physical Activity	Do the children play and learn outside?	Yes, daily Infants go on walks		
Technology	Is the appropriate technology integrated into the classrooms? Is it used as a tool for creative expression and problem solving rather than just for playing games?	Yes		
Language	Does the school offer a foreign language program?	Spanish		
	Does the school use sign language in infant and toddler classrooms?	Yes		
Field Trips	Do the children take field trips?	We bring in to the center		
	If so, what are the policies?			
Private Pre-K Program	Does the school offer a pre-K program?	Yes		
<b>Learning Environment</b>				
Atmosphere	What is the atmosphere of the classroom?			
	Is the school safe, clean and Welcoming?			
	Are toys being cleaned daily?	Yes		



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	Does it have a positive energy?			
Quality of Interactions	Are the children engaged in organized activities and interacting with teachers and other students?	Yes		
	Are the teachers responding to the children and talking with them, not at them?	Yes		
<b>People</b>				
Holidays	What holidays are the center Closed?	Main Holidays		
Overall Feel	Are the children and teachers Happy? Trust your instinct!			
Teacher Training	What are the training requirements for teachers?	Masters Degrees & CDA		
	Is there ongoing professional development for teachers?	Yes		
	Are teachers certified in first aid and CPR?	Yes		
Staff Turnover	Is center still open when staff Has training?	Yes We do it after Hours		
	How long have the staff/ teachers been with the school or in early education?			
	How does the school handle staff turnover?			
Parents	How is the child turnover?			

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Parent Communication				
Communication Methods	How does the school communicate with parents?			
	Does school communication include: -Teacher conferences -Daily activity reports -Monthly newsletters -Email -Letters to parents -Telephone conversations	Yes		
Parent Portal	Is there a dedicated Parent Portal on the school's website?	Yes		

**Notes:**