



THE 5 THINGS TO LOOK FOR

WHEN CHOOSING THE RIGHT
PRESCHOOL OR KINDERGARTEN



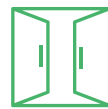
IF ANYONE KNOWS YOUR CHILD IT'S YOU!

As you begin exploring the options available for your child's education, we want to make sure you know what to look for in a great school. It can be difficult to trust an institution without knowing what they value. In the right environment, your child should be empowered to learn and grow! This guide will give you the confidence you need to make the best decision. Here are five of the most important characteristics you need to look for in your child's preschool or kindergarten.



1 • Partnership

A school partnership is more than meeting with your student's teacher twice a year. Set your expectations high. Your child's school should be willing and excited to partner with you throughout your child's whole educational journey. The school should keep you in the loop, be invested in your child's well-being, and communicate with you often. **By creating strong partnerships with parents, teachers and schools have a more intimate understanding of the needs of their students.** A great school partners with parents.



2 • Welcoming Community

A welcoming school is more than friendly faces. When you walk into a school, you and your child should feel a welcoming atmosphere, including smiles from those you see! A welcoming community of staff and volunteers will make you feel more comfortable trusting educators with your child. There should also be opportunities to connect with other parents like you. **When a welcoming community exists in a school, all children feel encouraged to thrive.** Education takes a village; a great school creates a welcoming community.



3 • Christ-Centered

A Christ-Centered school is more than chapel and religious classes. If faith is important to you, the school you choose should prioritize faith-based education. Practically, your child can learn early on how Scripture applies to their lives, why it matters, and how to grow their faith so it becomes their own. They should be able to freely pray in school, talk to their peers and teachers about God, and attend regular chapels. **The school you choose should partner with you in building your child's character and helping them develop their own identity in Christ.** A great school is Christ-Centered.



4 • Safety

A safe school is more than proper tornado and fire drills. When you drop your child off at school, you should feel comfortable knowing they are safe in every part of the building. Don't be afraid to ask questions. Ask how the school handles emergency situations, transportation, check-in procedures, and COVID-19. Emotional safety is just as important as physical safety. **Every adult should be on your child's team: available for help, ready to step in, and equipped to offer guidance.** You should be able to trust your child's school to protect and love your child. A great school is safe and nurturing.



5 • Excellence

An excellent school is more than great test scores. A school that strives for excellence provides a well-rounded education, shows a sincere investment in your child, and is committed to providing lifelong lessons. **Your child deserves the best**, but not at the cost of a child feeling left behind. Excellence means every child is given the attention and care he or she deserves to reach their full potential. A great school pursues excellence.

When you know what you're looking for in a preschool, you can ask the right questions and find the right answers. Choosing a school can be overwhelming! We hope this guide makes it easier for you to find exactly what you're looking for to meet your child's needs.



WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU!

At Holy Cross School, we value providing education that helps children develop a growth mindset. When they are encouraged and empowered to learn for themselves, children can flourish. We have a passion for helping families guide their children to learn, grow, and become the people they are meant to be. To make it easier for you, we are offering a free virtual open house of our school. You can have access to teachers, administrators, current students, and parents from the comfort of your couch! We'd love to show you what we're up to at Holy Cross.

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It is important for you to nurture the development of the “whole child” in order that each child might develop his or her full potential – spiritually, intellectually, physically, socially, and emotionally. Make sure your preschool meets these five characteristics!



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