

- **School Specific**

- What is the educational philosophy of the school?
- Is there tuition?
  - Cost per semester? Per year?
  - How often is tuition paid?
    - Yearly? Quarterly?
  - Are there any additional fees?
    - What are they for?
  - What does the tuition cover (books, technology, etc.)?
- Do students have access to 1:1 technology?
  - If yes, what technology is provided for each child? How is it different across grade levels?
- What transportation does your school offer?
  - If yes, is my address within the pickup/drop off radius?
- How many classes per grade level does your school have on average?
  - What is the student-to-teacher ratio in each classroom?
- What grades are housed in your school?
  - If only up to 8th grade, what high school do the majority of students attend?

- **Day to Day**

- What time does school start? What time does it end?
  - When do drop off and pick up times occur?
  - Is this the same across grade levels?
- Is there before and/or after school care?
  - Is it a contracted program (YMCA/other) or through the school?
  - What is the cost?
- What does a typical school day look like?
- Are there grade level specific schedules? What are they?

- **Special Needs Support**

- How many Special Education Teachers are in the school building?
- Who provides services for students?
- What in class supports are offered to students with disabilities?
- Does your school have inclusion classrooms so that my child will attend classes with General Education students?
  - If yes, how do General Education teachers differentiate instruction?
- Does your school have self-contained classrooms if my student is unable to attend class with General Education students?
- Does your school have a push in model where paraprofessionals or special education teachers assist students with special needs in general education classrooms?
  - Alternatively, does your school pull students from general education classrooms into a resource center or special education classroom for assistance (pull out)?

- What credentials do your Special Education teachers have? Are they the same requirements as Special Education teachers in public schools?
  - What support staff do you have available?
    - Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Counselors, Speech and Language Pathologists, Psychologists, etc.
  - What graduation tracks does your school offer?
  - Do you have a full-time nurse on staff? What are their credentials (RN, APRN, LPN, etc.)?
    - Do students have access to the nurse at all times?
  - Do you have speech services on site?
    - If yes, how often is the SLP present?
  - How will my child be evaluated/reevaluated for services at your school?
  - Does your school accept IEPs or ISPs?
- **English Language Learners Support**
    - What does your ELL program look like?
    - How many students are in each class?
    - Does the program have an English only policy?
    - What curriculum is used?
    - Does your program have bilingual/multilingual teachers?
      - If yes, what languages do they speak?
    - What are the ELL teachers' certifications?
      - Are these the same requirements for a public school teacher?
    - How will my child be evaluated?
      - Are there informal evaluations in addition to formal?
  - **Extracurricular Activities:**
    - What types of "specials" classes are offered?
      - Art, music, PE, etc.
      - Are they guaranteed each week or are they used as a reward for good behavior?
      - How much time will my child receive for recess and physical activity per day in each grade level?
    - Does your school hold convocations or all school assemblies?
      - How frequently?
      - Can you provide examples of accommodations provided for students during convocations when necessary?
    - Do classes take field trips?
      - How frequently?
      - Can you provide examples of accommodations provided for students during field trips when necessary?
      - What does a field trip day typically look like?
      - Where have classes gone in the past?
    - Does your school offer sports?
      - Travel or intramural teams?

- Can you provide examples of accommodations provided for students on the teams when needed?
  - What is the estimated family cost for participation?
- Does your school offer a band class?
  - Does your school provide instruments?
  - Can you provide examples of accommodations provided for students in the band when necessary?
  - What is the estimated family cost for participation?
- **State Testing**
  - What state standardized tests does your school participate in?
  - What is the process for ensuring my child's accommodations are adhered to during state testing?
  - What do the testing days look like?