SCHOOL/CURRICULUM

- Is the school accredited?
- Who is the accreditation with?
- What curriculum does the school use?
- Do students participate in standardized testing? If so which one?
- Are college credits offered (at high school level)?
- Is there a gifted program?
- Are foreign language classes offered?
- What is the dress code or uniform policy?
- Is before care/aftercare available? Pricing? Is it a monthly charge or per use charge?
- Do you provide transportation to/from school?
- What is the recess schedule?
- How is discipline handled? Is behavioral reinforcement used?

TEACHERS/STAFF

- Do all teachers have a teaching certificate? If there are instructors teaching that are not certified, what experience do they have to lead a classroom?
- Are there aides in the classroom?
- If my child needs additional help (reading, writing, math) is there a resource classroom or teacher available?
- Are all teachers/staff fingerprinted and background checked?
- What is the teacher to student ratio? Does this vary by grade?
- What is the typical class size?

FINANCES

- Does the school partner with multiple STOs (School Tuition Organizations)?
- Does the school have a policy where families have to pay a portion of tuition, even if they were to receive full funding via scholarship? If so, how much is required to be paid by the family?
- Is there someone in the office to help with questions regarding scholarships?

SPORTS

- Does the school have sports teams?
- What are the participation fees, uniform fees, etc. to participate?
- What sports require try outs vs. no cut sports?
VOLUNTEERING

- Does the school require volunteer hours? For parents? For students? Number of hours?
- Does the school require monetary donations? What is the yearly required amount? Can services or volunteer hours be provided in lieu of monetary donations?
- Are parents/guardians allowed to volunteer in the classroom/campus?
- What is the PTO/PTA's role at the school?
- Do volunteers have to undergo any safe environment training and/or have a background check?

SECURITY

- Are visitors required to check into the school office?
- Is the campus locked?
- Are there other security measures in place? If so, what?
- How often are there fire, evacuation or active shooter drills conducted?

COMMUNICATION

- What type of communication does the school send to parents? How often?
- Is there a process in place for emergency communication?
- How can parents communicate with the teachers? Administration staff?

RELIGION (IF A RELIGIOUS PRIVATE SCHOOL)

- What religious studies do the classes do on a daily / weekly basis?
- Do students attend services or mass?

DD SPECIFIC (SPED STUDENT) QUESTIONS

- Do students earn a “certificate of completion” (AIMS-A) or regular diploma (AIMS)?
- Do the school staff OT/PT/speech or contract those services?
- What is the school’s restraint protocol?

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