

# What to Look for in a Montessori Preschool

1. Are the students happy? Do they appear secure and relaxed?
2. Are the students treated with respect?
3. Do the adults listen to the students?
4. Are the students engaged in activity?
5. Are the students encouraged to be creative?
6. Do the adults encourage students using positive language and open-ended questions?
7. Is independence fostered? Are students given choices? Is there freedom within limits?
8. Is the environment attractive and orderly or does it appear cluttered?
9. Do the adults appear to love their work and the students?
10. Does the appearance and mannerism of the teacher suggest professionalism?

## Questions to Ask During Your Visit

1. How is Montessori different from a daycare?
2. Are all Montessori schools the same?
3. Are all the Lead Teachers Montessori certified? Are there Montessori materials in the classroom?
4. What is the tenure and experience of the teachers? The administration? The owners?
5. What security measures do you take to ensure the health and safety of children?
6. What is the staff to student ratio?
7. How do you communicate with parents? How accessible are teachers and the administration?
8. What is the daily routine? How do you keep students motivated and challenged?
9. What is the school's sick child policy?
10. What is the school's discipline policy? How do they handle biting, hitting, inappropriate language?

