

InsideSchools Checklist for visiting elementary schools	School 1-date	School 2-date	School 3-date	School 4-date	School 5-date
1. Security guard and office staff Are they friendly and helpful?					
2. Building, classrooms & lunchroom Are they bright, clean, and orderly?					
3. Student work on display Look for artwork, essays, science & social studies projects, and math problems					
4. Does the principal have a clear vision?					
5. Reading Do kids enjoy picture books, science books, historical novels and complex chapter books?					
6. Writing Are there lots of high-quality essays on a range of topics?					
7. Math Do you see Legos, blocks, dice, play money, and other different ways to solve problems?					
8. Social studies Do you see maps, globes, timelines, thematic studies on bridges or subways?					
9. Science Are there plants, animals, cooking supplies, eggs hatching, and experiments in every class?					
10. Are students engaged? Are kids so focused they don't notice visitors in the room?					
11. Who does the talking? Do teachers encourage kids to talk?					
12. Do teachers challenge top students? Do teacher encourage children to read harder books, write longer essays and do more complex math?					
13. Do teachers support struggling kids? Do teachers work with individual children or small groups?					
14. What do you hear? Do you hear grown-ups and kids speak in respectful voices?					
15. Are children of all backgrounds welcome? Are children from different races, ethnicities and family income treated with respect?					
16. Are students physically active? Are they outdoors every day, jumping, dancing and skipping?					
17. What about after-school programs?					

= NO / BAD
 = MAYBE / DON'T KNOW
 = YES / GOOD

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