

Quality After School Checklist



Choosing quality care for your child's after school time is an important decision. Springboard After School's checklist can help you ask the right questions when you are visiting our program and others. This information will help you select the best after school program for you and your family.

Program

1. Is there an educational philosophy that is described to parents?
2. Is Homework completed with the guidance of a professional teacher?
3. Does the program provide you with the flexibility to schedule care only on the days that you need it?
4. Does the program provide a daily schedule that provides education, enrichment and also time for relaxation?
5. Are there a variety of enrichment activities that children can select from?
7. Does the afternoon schedule provide for plenty of active and outdoor play or sports?
8. Do you hear laughter and lively conversation?
9. Can you communicate daily with your child's teacher about homework concerns or other issues?

Staff

1. What are the necessary qualifications to be a teacher in the program?
2. Are the teachers trained in first aid and CPR?
3. Do the teachers seem to work well together? Are they respectful of each other and the children?
4. Do the teachers interact with children in a caring and respectful way?
5. Do the child-to-teacher ratios meet or exceed the state's requirements?



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Health & Safety

1. Is there an open-door policy?
2. What precautions are in place to ensure safety on the playground?
3. Do you feel comfortable with the program and the teachers?
4. Does the program have an established emergency plan?
5. Are parent references available on request?
6. Does the bathroom look and smell clean?
7. Is the program space safe, clean and well-maintained?
8. Is there quiet space for homework and reading?

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Remember during your visit to look, listen and ask questions!

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