

16. Is the facility professionally cleaned daily?

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17. Are emergency procedures and evacuation routes established, posted and practised regularly?

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18. Can learning environments be easily supervised by teachers?

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Environment and Facility

19. Does the school have an ideal surroundings for children and is easily accessible?

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20. Does the school have a positive atmosphere where your child can feel him/herself secure?

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21. Is the school able to guarantee that it will work with small groups throughout the whole year?

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22. Does the school have its own gym used only by the kindergarten children?

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23. Does the school have a sick-room where sick children can stay until taken home?

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24. Are all the facility the right size for children and made out of untoxic materials?

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Quality preschool checklist

A Guideline to choose the best kindergarten in Hungary for your child



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Choosing the best preschool program for your family is one of the most important decisions you will make as a parent. This guide has been created by using those information that you will need to gather while looking for a kindergarten. This reference will enable

Use the checklist to ask questions and to compare the programs you visit. Your main aim is to gather as much information as possible by observing and asking your questions. Once you feel that you have obtained adequate information about the kindergarten and its system, you will be able to make a decision about the most suitable preschool for your child.

Program/Curriculum

1. Is the program accredited? Has the school itself have all the needed official documents and permissions to work as a kindergarten?

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2. Does the school have a consistent daily routine displayed that the children can understand and follow?

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3. Is there a transition program in place to guide children and parents into elementary school?

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4. Are there individual and small group projects that involve language, science, math or creative development?

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5. Is there an easy system to let you know your child's individual goals and his/her progress to those goals?

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6. Are field trips or enrichment activities integrated into the program?

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Faculty

7. Does the school allow that you meet all of the teachers during your first visit?

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8. Are there long-term consistent teachers in the classrooms?

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9. Do teachers interact with children in caring, respectful and positive ways?

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10. Do teachers work out a weekly, monthly, and annual plan for their own class?

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11. Do teachers have dress-code?

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12. Are there opportunities for informal and formal communication, including daily conversations, weekly notes, newsletters, parent-teacher meetings or family events?

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Health and Safety

13. Does the school have its own paediatrician or medical center who is responsible for regular medical check-ups?

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14. Are stringent health care policies in place and practise that include teachers and children washing their hands frequently throughout the day?

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15. Are healthful food and beverages provided throughout the day?

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