

Pre-K Prep Toolkit

Research tells us that kids who attend a high-quality pre-K program are more likely to be ready for Kindergarten and experience better academic, social, economic, and health outcomes throughout their lifetime. This toolkit will help you find the pre-K program that’s right for your family by providing questions to ask prospective providers as well as things to consider during an observation.

Consider asking:	Your notes:
How do teachers seek to build positive relationships with students and families?	
How does the curriculum foster students’ academic, physical, social, and emotional development?	
How do teachers set and maintain clear limits for student behavior and why did you choose that method?	
Can the materials provided be used for a range of creative purposes by students?	
How and how often do teachers communicate with families about their student’s learning?	
Are families of all backgrounds encouraged to participate in the school community?	

Consider in observation:	Your Notes:
Are teachers warm and caring?	
How do teachers and students interact? How do students interact with each other?	
Is the classroom neat and well organized?	

*Adapted from NAEYC’s resources for families: <https://www.naeyc.org/our-work/for-families>