

Finding the Right Elementary School: Twelve Questions to Ask

Academics

- What skills and abilities will my child develop at your school that they would not possess if they remained in their current school?
- How does the school support individual students' academic needs?
- What opportunities are available for hands-on learning, STEM experiences, and cross-disciplinary projects?
- What kind of community service opportunities do your students have over the course of the year, and how is that integrated into your educational program?

Arts & Athletics

- What special programs do you offer to help children expand their horizons in visual arts, music, drama, and dance?
- What opportunities exist for students who want to try new sports and activities, and how do you support students who excel and want to continue to compete and perform at a high level?

Social-Emotional Development

- How does your school support and develop the emotional well being of its students?
- How would you describe the manners and behavioral expectations for your students, and how are they reflected in the overall character of your student body?
- How do you help children build confidence, learn self-advocacy, and practice conflict resolution?

Learning Environment

- Where will my child be learning? What facilities are available on your campus to support my child's growth?
- How does lunch work at your school? Do you provide lunch, and if so, what is your approach to nutrition and meal preparation?
- What is the lunch period like? Where do students sit, and how are they monitored?

Fay School is a private, co-educational school serving students Kindergarten through Grade 9, with optional boarding for grades 7-9. Located in Southborough, Massachusetts, just 35 miles west of Boston, our broad and challenging program empowers students to discover their talents, develop their intellectual abilities, establish essential academic skills and knowledge, and define their moral character—all essential to living a life of meaning and making a positive difference in the world.



