

Preschool Comparison Form

Take a look at these top 18 questions you should ask when interviewing potential daycare providers. NOTICE: We are the only Provider that does background checks on those picking up the kids.

(if there is a * after the question, the state mandates they must have this)

	<i>RELKids</i>	<i>Company X</i>	<i>Company Z</i>
Is your staff trained in first aid and CPR?*	<i>Yes</i>		
Do you conduct background checks on all your employees?*	<i>Yes, and will not work until we have it done.</i>		
What type of child development training do you require, if any?*	<i>Must have minimum state required and working on AA degree</i>		
Is your facility licensed?*	<i>Yes both FBI and FDLE checked</i>		
We are a Husband & Wife team			
Are mats included? ***	<i>Yes, at no extra fee</i>		
Do you have car seats for the children? ***	<i>Yes, at no extra fee</i>		
Is your facility accredited and/or have participated in a quality improvement program?	<i>Alumni of Masters Teachers program</i>		
What is the student to teacher ratio?*	<i>0 mos – 5 year a max of 1:6 (with max of 1 infant or 1 year old child)</i>		
Centers: 0-11 mos. 1:4 1 year 1:6 2 year 1:11 3 year 1:15 4 year 1:20 5 yr & older 1:25 VPK 1:10 or 2:18	<i>We may expand to a center in the future, our ratio would be as follows:</i> 0-11 mos. 1:3 1 year - 3 year 1:6 4 year 5 yr & up 1:10		
Homes: 0-11 mos. 1:4 1 year – 5 year 1:6 0 mos – 5 year 1:6 (3 infants) 1 year – 12 year 1:10 (5 school aged)			

Classroom:

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How many children does your facility serve?	<i>Currently 3 with a max of 6</i>		

What is the specific breakdown of age ranges?	<i>We have ages 1 1/2 – 3 years old</i>		
Do you offer uniforms or have a dress code policy? **	<i>Yes, We give you 2 shirts at no extra cost for our students. We ask parents to respect our policy for the younger children.</i>		
What is your educational philosophy?	<i>We have a Flexible structured curriculum that is guided by the child's interest, which open the door to more learning. Staff is always expected to increase their knowledge.</i>		
What is your discipline policy?	<i>We redirect the unwanted behavior</i>		
What is a typical day like for the children?	<i>Daytime is academic class time, meals, nap afternoon enrichment actives, free play, outdoor activity and more reading</i>		
Do you offer enrichment programs and if so how much more?***	<i>Yes we do - included in the preschool tuition. The average is \$160/month if you had to pay for the classes separately.</i>		

Health: (*some places does not allow, ** some places charge extra fees)

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What is your sick child policy?*	<i>Must stay home</i>		
What is your diapering policy? (use bleach on surface in between diaper changes, wash hands, use gloves). Ask teachers to show you the steps - not all employees does this.*	<i>We sanitize the area in between changes, change gloves, wash hands and sanitize after done diaper changes. We have hand washing signs in bathroom and also diapering signs at diapering areas.</i>		
What types of snacks and/or meals do you serve? **/**	<i>All meals are homemade and USDA (WIC) approved. We may have take out treats sometimes.</i>		

What opportunities are available for indoor/outdoor play?	<i>We have outdoor play every day weather permitting, if not we have some of the outside equipment inside to offer gross motor activities inside.</i>		
What is your policy about administering medicine? *	<i>Sorry, we do not administer medications. Other arrangements must be made by the parents.</i>		
What is your policy about potty-training? **	<i>We will potty train only when parents begin at home. It is important we all work together and at no extra fee.</i>		

***- Some or all of these services are offered at certain levels – Silver and Gold.

Notes (other things you think are important or may want to ask):