

Private School Research Checklist

School Name:

Date:

My Final Rank:

My Priorities	Factor	What to Consider	Check If Meet Your Needs	Notes
	School Philosophy	Does the school emphasize academics, creativity, character, discipline, or community? Does that match your family’s values and your child’s personality?	☐	
	Academic Performance	Are the students performing well on standardized tests? Does the school have strong competition or enrichment results?	☐	
	Tuition & Financial Aid	Is the tuition affordable for your family? Are there scholarships, sibling discounts, or payment plans available?	☐	
	Class Size & Teacher Ratio	Are class sizes small enough for personalized attention? Is the teacher-student ratio within the typical range of 1:6 to 1:16?	☐	
	Curriculum & Enrichment	Does the school offer accelerated tracks, strong math pathways, foreign languages, arts, or STEM programs?	☐	
	Commute & Transportation	Is the school within a reasonable commute? Are there bus, carpool, or shuttle options available?	☐	
	Diversity & Inclusion	Does the school welcome students from different cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds? How do they support inclusion?	☐	
	Facilities & Campus Environment	Are the classrooms, library, and playgrounds safe, clean, and age-appropriate?	☐	
	Teacher Quality	Are teachers experienced, caring, and well-trained? Is teacher turnover low?	☐	
	School Culture	What’s the school’s approach to discipline, collaboration, independence, and community involvement?	☐	
	Parent-School Communication	How often does the school update parents? Are there regular conferences or open communication channels?	☐	
	After-School Options	Are there after-school activities, extended care, or enrichment programs available for your child?	☐	
	Language Immersion	Does the school offer bilingual or dual-language programs (e.g. Mandarin-English, Spanish-English)? Is language learning a core part of the curriculum?	☐	
	Graduation & Placement Outcomes	Where do students go after graduation? For elementary/middle schools: strong high school placement. For high schools: college acceptance results.	☐	