

SCHOOL DISCOVERY PROCESS

YOUR STEPS TO ENSURE A GREAT FIT



FAMILY MEETINGS AND INFO GATHERING

Clearly identify and understand the specific needs/ preferences of your student. This may seem obvious, but often the children are left out of the conversation! Make a list of 'must have' and 'won't tolerate' aspects, and everything in between. Talk to your child about your needs and schedule, as well!



ONLINE RESEARCH

Once you're clear on what you're looking for in a school, it's time to do some preliminary research! [Check out this list of useful sites.](#) As you narrow down your list to a few schools, check out their websites and Google reviews



REACH OUT TO EXPERTS

So much information may feel overwhelming. A school consultant can help you make sense of all the options and narrow down those options to the schools that would be best for your student and your family. Feel free to reach out to me- [Sarah Jean Smith](#)



CONNECT WITH SCHOOLS

A school tour can give you so much more ground-level data and input. The feel of a school and its classrooms will give you much more firsthand information about which institution is the best fit for your student! A school consultant can even go on a tour with you.



FILL OUT APPLICATIONS

There are steps that involve paperwork for each type of school. For public schools, you need to register your student with the district. Charter schools require applications for the lottery between January and April. Private schools have more lax deadlines.