



How do I determine if a school is the right fit for my child?

“Fit” is about how closely a school meets your specific needs. You can think about the match between child needs, family needs and school offerings as being like a stool. A stool needs three legs in order to stand upright and balance. With only one or two legs, that stool would simply topple over. Therefore, the completeness of your child’s education will be determined by how well your child, family and school fit together and balance each other out, just like that three-legged stool.

As you visit schools and plan to apply, ask yourself the right fit questions below, and the admission process will change from a list of disconnected considerations to a concise list of what matters most for your child.

Right Fit Questions to Guide Your School Search

- *What* your child should be learning in school (curriculum and content)?
- *How* does your child learn best (what kind of teaching style really connects with your child)?
- What *social issues* matter (your and your child’s friends, diversity, etc.)?
- What *practical issues* (location and tuition) make a difference?