

Choosing a School: A Guide for Families

One of the most important decisions families make is where to send their child to school. P.S. 305 recommends researching schools online, scheduling school tours, and asking principals the following questions before enrolling.



Online Resources

Check out these websites before touring a school.

- www.GreatSchools.org
- www.KnowYourFloridaSchool.org
- www.ps305.org/Miami-Dade-School-Quality-Map.html



Academic Questions

What is the school letter grade?

How well are students like my child performing?

Have test scores risen or declined in the last 3 years?

Aside from test scores, how do you measure academic success?

What is the emphasis on college readiness?



School Culture Questions

What does the school do to develop character in students?

What does the school do to ensure teachers are successful?

What are the disciplinary methods used in school?

How does the school communicate with parents?

What extracurricular programs exist, such as arts and sports?



Logistics Questions

What is the school application process, if any? Requirements and deadlines?

What are the school hours?

Are there before or after school programs?

What is offered during the after school program?

Is there anything else I should know?