

Checklist for Parents Evaluating Private Religious Schools

· School Philosophy & Religious Alignment

- ☐ Does the school's religious affiliation align with our family's beliefs?
- ☐ Is religious instruction part of the daily curriculum?
- ☐ Are religious services or rituals required for students?
- ☐ How is faith integrated into academic subjects and school culture?
- ☐ Are there expectations for parental involvement in religious activities?

· Academic Quality

- ☐ Is the school accredited by a recognized body?
- ☐ What is the student-to-teacher ratio?
- ☐ Are standardized test scores available and satisfactory?
- ☐ What is the curriculum structure and rigor?
- ☐ Are advanced courses (AP, IB, honors) offered?
- ☐ How are students with learning differences supported?

· Faculty & Staff

- ☐ Are teachers certified and experienced?
- ☐ Is there ongoing professional development for staff?
- ☐ What is the staff turnover rate?
- ☐ Are faculty members required to share the school's religious beliefs?

· Student Life & Community

- ☐ What extracurricular activities are available?
- ☐ Is there a strong sense of community and inclusivity?
- ☐ How does the school handle discipline and behavioral issues?
- ☐ Are there opportunities for service, leadership, or mission work?

· Tuition & Financial Aid

- ☐ What is the annual tuition cost?
- ☐ Are there additional fees (books, uniforms, activities)?
- ☐ Is financial aid or scholarships available?
- ☐ What is the refund policy if we withdraw?

· Safety & Environment

- ☐ What are the school's safety and emergency procedures?
- ☐ Is the campus secure and well-maintained?
- ☐ How does the school address bullying and mental health?
- ☐ Is there a nurse or health professional on site?

· Logistics

- ☐ Is the school's location convenient?
- ☐ Is transportation provided or available?
- ☐ What are the school hours and calendar?
- ☐ Is before/after-school care offered?