



# QUALITY CHECKLIST

The Malvern School is dedicated to providing high-quality early childhood education experiences to families and children. During your search to find the best care and education for your child, please consider the following checklist.

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- ✓ Exhibits a loving and nurturing environment
- ✓ Is accredited or seeks accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
- ✓ Two highly-qualified Directors who are knowledgeable in early childhood education
- ✓ Educated Head Teachers in every classroom
- ✓ Stringent internal Quality Standards Program that ensures best practices
- ✓ Maintains state-mandated teacher-child ratios and NAEYC recommended group sizes
- ✓ A curriculum that guides each child to reach their fullest potential and is aligned with State Learning Standards
- ✓ Incorporates a balance of small group, large group and independent learning experiences
- ✓ Provides a developmentally-appropriate program that centers around the child
- ✓ Integrates the use of technology based on screen time recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics
- ✓ Performs detailed Developmental Assessments twice a year of all children through Teaching Strategies™ Gold®, an authentic, observation-based assessment system
- ✓ Offers parent-teacher conferences twice a year
- ✓ Provides helpful learning and development exercises and strategies for families to implement outside the classroom
- ✓ Hosts frequent family-fun events
- ✓ Three age-appropriate playgrounds for outside play
- ✓ Exceptionally clean classrooms with an emphasis on health and safety
- ✓ Demonstrates acceptance and respect for children and adults
- ✓ Displays an environment of friendly and positive staff who always put the children first
- ✓ Has dedicated staff who are continually encouraged to advance their skills and knowledge through workshops, training and coursework
- ✓ Classrooms filled with children who are busy learning, thinking, experimenting, drawing, laughing and always smiling