

School Selector Podcast questions

Area	Question	Notes/suggestions
Introductions	Tell us a little about yourself	Where you grew up / your professional journey / information about your family if pertinent.
	A very quick introduction to the school	1 minute summary which captures your school and makes people want to learn more...
Geography	Describe the school's physical location and the area around the school	
Facilities	Provide a quick overview of your school's facilities..	We will do this in more detail in the 'Section by section'
		We will break recording here.
What the school values	What is the school's mission? How does your school strive to deliver on this mission?	
	What does your school excel at?	
Ownership, Governance & Leadership Structures	Who owns the school and how is it governed?	The 'for profit' of 'not for profit' question will be addressed
	What are the current strategic objectives of the school?	Only strategic... practical are covered in the next questions
	What concrete plans does the school have for the next few years?	Only things that will probably happen in the next 3 years
Accreditations	Is your school accredited by an accreditation agency? What about authorizations & memberships?	CIS, WASC etc.
		We will break recording here.
People		
Leadership Team	Tell us a little about you leadership team...	
Staff	Tell us about you faculty?	How large, how many teachers/TAs, local/international distribution
	Where do teachers come from?	
	How long do they stay at the school on average?	
	What are the minimum qualification and experience level for teachers?	
	Are all your teachers formally trained?	
	What is your staff to student ratio and how do you calculate it?	
Parents	Describe your parent body...	
	How does your school approach parental involvement in:	
	- Decision making	Board level input, advisory committee etc.
	- Student learning	
	- Social/community life	
	What do parents say they like most about your school?	
	Do you survey parents for their satisfaction levels? If so, what does the data tell you?	
Students	Describe your student body...	Nationality, local national percentage, average length of stay
	How do you name and structure your grades and sections?	
	How does your school approach student involvement in:	
	- Decision making	
	- Social/community life	
	- Student learning	
	What do students love most about your school?	
		We will break recording here.
Section by Section Overview		
Early Years	How many students are in this section?	
	How old do students need to be enter the school/	
	Are the groups mixed age? What is the maximum size of a class?	What is the maximum size of a class?
	Is half day available?	
	What programmes to you offer in this section?	
	Are these programmes accredited by an external organization?	
	Which facilities do these students enjoy?	
	Describe a typical school day for students in this section?	
	How does this section of your school approach:	
	- Learning to read and write	
	- Play	
	- Toilet training	
	What is the annual fee for students in this section?	We will address other fees and costs in a later section
		We will break recording here.
Primary/Elementary	How many students are in this section?	
	What programmes to you offer in this section?	
	Are these programmes accredited by an external organization?	
	Which facilities do these students enjoy?	
	Describe a typical school day for students in this section?	
	What subjects are offered and how is learning structured?	
	How does this section of your school approach:	
	- Language learning	
	- Developing mathematical & scientific skills	
	- Student personal growth	

	What is the annual fee for students in this section?	We will address other fees and costs in a later section
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Secondary/High	How many students are in this section?	
	What programmes do you offer in this section?	
	Are these programmes accredited by an external organization?	
	Which facilities do these students enjoy?	
	Do you have a selection process for the last 2 school years?	
	Describe a typical school day for students in this section?	
	What subjects are offered and how is learning structured?	
	How does this section of your school approach:	
	- Supporting students strive for their best	
	- Helping students discover and develop their passions	
	- Giving the students the skills they need to be successful	
	How does your school support student transition to university/college?	
	What is the annual fee for students in this section?	We will address other fees and costs in a later section
	Grades.....	
Student Futures	Where do students go when they graduate?	
		We will break recording here.
Co-curricula / Extra-curricula	What does the school offer in terms of:	
	Trips & excursions	
	Sports	
	ASAs, Clubs etc.	
	Arts	
Cost	Do they cost additionally? If so, how much?	
		We will break recording here.
School's position on..	Where does the school stand on...	
	Managing student behaviour	
	Sustainability	
	Homework	
	Attendance	
	Wellbeing and DEIJ related issues	
	Providing learning support	
		We will break recording here.
Practical Matters		
Clothing	Is there a dress code?	
	If you have school clothing/uniform, how much does it cost? Is it easy to source?	
Food provision	Do you offer this service? If yes, how is it organized & much does it cost?	
Bussing	Do you offer this service? If yes, how is it organized & much does it cost?	
After school care programmes	Do you offer this service? If yes, how is it organized & much does it cost?	
Holiday programmes	Do you offer this service? If yes, how is it organized & much does it cost?	
		We will break recording here.
Fees & costs		
	Help us understand the cost and fee structure. Specifically:	
	- Any enrolment fees and associated costs	
	- Any deposits or money held by the school	
	- Examination costs & testing fees	
	- Costs associated with trips & excursions	
	- Costs for learning support and additional programs	
	Are there any scholarships or other types of fee reductions? If so, who qualifies and what is the application process?	Sibling, company, other...
		We will break recording here.
Admissions		
	Provide us with an overview of the admissions process	
	What is your cut off date? How strictly do you enforce this?	
	What forms are required?	
	Is there testing that is required? If so, what form does it take?	
	What should I do if need support with this process?	
	What do you do to support new families integrate?	
		We will break recording here.
Summing up questions	What do you like most about your school?	
	What does your perfect student look like?	
	Thank you and goodbye!	
		Recording finished.