

What If You Donâ€™t LOVE The Schools Youâ€™ve Toured?

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When One Stands Out: That “Ah-Ha” Moment

Iâ€™ve talked to a few moms recently whoâ€™ve said they havenâ€™t seen any schools theyâ€™ve really loved. They like them, but donâ€™t really understand what the big deal is. That said, theyâ€™re applying to these schools that they donâ€™t really love. So far, they havenâ€™t had that “ah-ha” moment.

I must have looked surprised during these conversations because when I toured schools I had trouble narrowing down the list. It seemed like each school I looked at was more amazing than the next. But, geography limited our choices.

If you havenâ€™t seen any private elementary schools youâ€™ve fallen in love with, keep looking! More likely than not, youâ€™ll find a school or two that will find you making a mental note, “must get our kid into this school” category. If that doesnâ€™t happen, tour more schools. Expand your options. Then, if you still donâ€™t find at least one or two schools you absolutely must get your kid into, tour your local public school to see if it would be a good fit for your family. Private schools are expensive, especially if you think theyâ€™re just ok. And, try to find something about each school you are enthusiastic about *before* your parent interview. A lack of interest in the school will definitely be obvious to the admissions directors.

Tour, tour, tour. Tour some more! You gotta love it! And, when those letters arrive in late March, you want to know youâ€™ve given your family as many options as possible. Opening one painfully thin envelope because you didnâ€™t see enough schools probably wonâ€™t be a good thing.

Here are some of our blogâ€™s most popular posts. Our guest bloggers and I went on *lots* of tours before we found the right schools. And, thinking about what defines your unique family can help you figure out which schools will be best for your child.

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