

Your Child's Visiting and Testing Day

Description



If you're nervous about your kid's "playdate" or "visiting day" at the schools where you've applied, you're probably not alone. Who wouldn't be nervous taking their child to a new school to "play" with a mock class of 20 or so other kids they don't know? As I've said before, this part of the process was the most disconcerting aspect of the entire admissions process for me. I found it VERY stressful. It's like a ridiculously bad dream that you're unable to avoid. But, we got through it. And, so did thousands of other parents and their kids all over Los Angeles that year. And every year.

You really have very little control over what happens during the "playdate" or visiting day. Your child may be excited and enthusiastic or not. They may be hesitant or reluctant. Most schools know everyone will be nervous. Admissions directors do try to make the environment as relaxed as possible. They know you may be tense and your child will be picking up on your demeanor. Trust the school to make the day as low-key and stress-free as possible. That's part of their job!

My advice? Try not to over-think the day before (or after) it happens.

Oh, and whatever you do, don't send your nanny to take your child to visiting day.

We discuss visiting days extensively in *Beyond The Brochure*. I've also written these posts about my daughter's visiting days. Guest blogger Jenny Heitz has also shared her visiting day stories too.

We hope this helps!

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