

Reader Question: How Honest is TOO Honest During Parent Interview?

Description

Here's an interesting two part question we got from a reader:

A. How Honest Should I Be During A Parent Interview If I Have Concerns About How Far The School Is From My House?

B. Should I Express Concerns About Whether Twins Should Be In The Same Class If A School Only Has One Class Per Grade?

Anne Simon, Co-Author of *Beyond The Brochure* answers the questions:

Do your homework and then make positive statements that deal with the elephants in the room. Instead of asking about buses, tell the Admissions Director that you think your children would LOVE riding the bus to school. Lots of kids, including my first grade granddaughter, enjoy the time with friends they make outside their own class.

In the case of one class per grade, simply stating that you want your kids to be together is the only thing you can say. It is then the school's place to decide if that fits their policy and respond to you. You can then discuss the issue openly. It's natural to have anxiety about any school, whether it's the distance from your house, the amount of homework or other issues. But, sharing your anxiety during the parent interview about an issue the school can't change, like the distance to your home, could be misinterpreted as a dislike for the school.

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