



WHAT IS A MOMCHECK REPORT?

A MomCheck Report is a compilation of our findings during a tour of a daycare facility. Our specially trained MomCheck Agents tour the facility as any other mom looking for childcare would. But during this tour, the MomCheck Agent is actively observing and asking many questions to get a sense of how the facility operates. After the tour, the MomCheck Agent completes a detailed MomCheck Report and writes a descriptive narrative of her tour.

What is included in the MomCheck Report? A better question is what *isn't* included in the MomCheck Report! Besides the information already included on the facility's profile page, the MomCheck Report includes:

- ✔ **Enrollment and Rates**
Details on all enrollment ages, schedules, and rates, including additional fees, discounts offered, payment types, vacation credits and more.
- ✔ **Age-Room Information**
Details on the structure of rooms at the facilities, including individual room age ranges and ratios, the number of rooms per age group, procedures to transition to a new room, and actual observation as to whether or not the facility is following stated ratios.
- ✔ **Classroom Details**
Curriculums, lesson plans, transitions, child development, discipline policies, naps, toilet training, allergies, and other classroom characteristics.
- ✔ **Activities**
Outdoor/indoor playgrounds, inclement weather adjustments, extracurricular classes offered and other regularly scheduled classroom or facility activities and amenities (like show and tell days, libraries, etc.)
- ✔ **Holidays Observed**
Including observance of school district calendars.
- ✔ **Parent Involvement**
Communication opportunities such as newsletters, web camera access, committees and family events.
- ✔ **Safety Information**
Safety of the building including entrances/exits, sign-in/out procedures, perceived ease of entering a facility undetected and actual observations of safety practices.
- ✔ **Emergency Handling**
Emergency preparedness procedures such as fire drills, child medical emergencies, equipment on-hand, medicine dispensing guidelines, sick child procedures, and more. This section also covers the way the facility communicates with parents during an emergency.
- ✔ **Parking**
Details about parking, transportation and facility location, including proximity to major thoroughfares, parking lot visibility, and transportation procedures.

- ✓ **Food**
Meal policies including meal times, sample menu choices, infant feeding guidelines, allergy procedures and actual observation of kitchen and eating areas.
- ✓ **Cleanliness**
Cleaning schedules and procedures of the facility.
- ✓ **Staff information**
Including average length of service, required credentials, classroom training, safety training, background checks and types of support staff.
- ✓ **General observations**
Staff interaction with the MomCheck Agent, other staff and the children.
- ✓ **Conversational Narrative**
A written narrative of the MomCheck Agent's tour. This begins with her initial observations as she enters the parking lot and ends with the completion of the tour.

What you won't see in the MomCheck Report:

- ✓ **Opinions or recommendations**
We strive to provide an unbiased, neutral observation of each facility. Our MomCheck Agents are trained to ignore their own opinions and preferences in order to allow you to form your own opinion on what facility best suits your needs.

While the MomCheck Report gives you an incredible amount of information, it can never serve as a substitute for your own due diligence. We encourage you to use MomCheck.com to help narrow your search, followed by your own tour of the facilities that seem to best meet your needs. Once you're armed with the information provided on MomCheck.com and your own observations of centers, you should be prepared to decide on the facility that will provide the care you want for your child.

About MomCheck: [MomCheck](http://MomCheck.com) is an innovative, unbiased resource that provides parents with a better, more efficient and smarter way to shop for childcare. [MomCheck](http://MomCheck.com)'s knowledgeable agents evaluate facilities in person, publish reports of these tours and deliver in-depth information on all licensed childcare facilities in an easily accessible online database.