**** **My City School**

*We often hear from parents “what questions do I ask when visiting schools?” My City School invites these questions and many more from all parents and encourages deep dialogue with the schools your family is considering.*

* What are the student to teacher ratios?
* Knowing how your child learns best, what evidence do you see in the academic setting that would support your child’s learning style?
* How does the educational environment track progress to ensure high school readiness?
* How does the educational environment teach critical thinking skills? Are these skills taught in each class or specific classes?
* How does the school integrate the curriculum and make connections for the students?
* What evidence supports the school's preferred style?
* What standardized testing does the school conduct?
* How does the school support test anxiety?
* How does the school environment foster creativity and curiosity?
* How does the school develop your child’s unique gifts?
* How does the environment foster a child's leadership skills?
* How does the school introduce new concepts? How often do they re-visit the concepts for applied learning?
* How much individual time is spent providing feedback to students in core subjects?
* Is the individual feedback a conversation and experience or written?
* How do they individualize to each child's level and learning style in core subjects? Can you see examples?
* Does the school give grades, if not how do they track progress? If they do give grades, how does it work if my child is below or above grade level?
* How does the school individualize?
* How does the school support Executive Functioning (beyond organizing) on a daily basis? Does that match success you have had a home?
* Is there support for developing social skills and self advocacy? If so, how often and how is it integrated?
* Do they have an immediate feedback policy that you agree with?
* What does the school do to help increase my child's motivation?
* Is remediation offered? How often would my child receive remediation each week and what types would they receive? Does this align with your child’s recommendations from your educational evaluation?
* How does the school teach…top down, through guided discovery? What is their priority - understanding and application or memorization?