

# Prepare For Back to School Night

How to approach your school about viewpoint diversity

Parents

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## What To Look For



### Know Your School

- Understand your school's mission, vision, and values.
- Review your school's handbook, enrollment contract, and all communication thoroughly.
- Do enrollment contracts clearly articulate how the school supports independent thinkers? What are parents' rights?
- How are consultants and speakers selected? What evidence do they provide that their approach works?



### Program Questions

- How are curricular decisions made?
- Is there transparency around curriculum changes? Around ideological "curriculum?"
- What are course required readings?
- Where are lesson plans published?
- On what philosophical basis is the curriculum grounded?
- Where are the learning standards/goals by grade and how will teachers be covering these?

## Questions You Can Ask



### Educator Training

- What school-wide training have you provided to your teachers in the past 2 years?
- What professional development are you planning to offer/require of your teachers this year?
- What training on how to encourage critical thinking and facilitate free discourse do you provide?
- How do you equip teachers to handle topics that could be considered inflammatory?



### Classroom Questions

- How do you represent a balance of perspectives within the classroom?
- Are the topics age-appropriate and aligned with the curriculum?
- How do you ensure students are encouraged to share their unique perspectives?
- When would you find it appropriate to discount a student's perspective in front of the class?

## Learn More



### Understand The Basics

- Learn about parents' and students' rights in education. ([FIRE](#) and [Undoctrinate](#))
- Understand accreditors' impact on educational culture in regards to diversity of thought and freedom of speech.
- Read up on the state of diversity of thought in schools.

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in K-12 education



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