

Homework for parents: Choosing the right school

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LOOK INTO CULTURE AND VALUES

A school's culture and values play a pivotal role in shaping a child's character. It's essential to choose a school whose ethos aligns with your family's values. This "hidden curriculum" can significantly influence your child's development.

When evaluating the school's environment, look for a nurturing and inclusive environment where your child will feel safe, supported, and a sense of belonging. Teacher-Student Ratio is another key factor to look for. A lower ratio often translates to more individualised attention for your child. A strong partnership between parents and the school is vital for a child's success. Inquire about the school's approach to parent-teacher communication and opportunities for parental involvement.

CONSIDER PRACTICAL ASPECTS

For some parents, this decision goes beyond simple convenience. As Ehsanur Raza Ronny, a parent explains, "The main reason I chose this school for my child is that I wanted to put them in a school that has a good mix of kids that truly prepares them for the world they will actually live in." This perspective can lead a parent to intentionally choose a school in a more central location that draws from various neighbourhoods, even if it means a slightly longer commute, in order to achieve that desired social mix.

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Similarly, when considering the budget and fees, it's crucial to be realistic, not just tuition but also additional costs like uniforms, transportation, and extracurricular activities. And finally, a parent's primary concern is their child's safety. It is important that children feel emotionally safe and secure in school where they spend most of their time of the day. So, investigate the school's safety measures, including their emergency procedures and policies for visitor access.



EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

A well-rounded education extends beyond the traditional classroom setting. Extracurricular activities are crucial for a child's social and emotional development and can enhance their self-esteem and academic performance. Look into the variety of activities offered, such as sports, arts, and clubs, to ensure there are opportunities that align with your child's interests.

RESEARCH, VISIT, AND OBSERVE

Once you have a clearer idea of what you're looking for, it's time to gather information. While school websites and brochures are a good starting point, nothing beats a personal visit.

Begin with a School Visit. Observe the classrooms, students, interact with faculty, and get a feel for the overall atmosphere. Try to visit during regular school hours to see the school in action.

If possible speak with the principal, teachers, and other parents to gain valuable insights into the school community. Ultimately, you are the expert on your child. Pay attention to your intuition and choose the environment where you believe your child will not only learn but also thrive.

Record grades highlight a year of achievement



Students showcasing their project outcomes.

South Point School and College in Banani is celebrating another year of exceptional academic performance following the recent publication of the June 2025 O' and A' Level examination results. Students from the campus have continued the institution's tradition of excellence, with a significant number achieving top grades.

This year, fourteen students from the Banani campus delivered standout results, securing A and A* grades in nearly all their subjects. Their achievements have qualified many for the prestigious Daily Star Award, which recognizes academic distinction.

At the O' Level, students achieved A and A in 77 subjects (60% of total entries) and B grades in 30 subjects (23%). Seven students were nominated for The Daily Star Award.

At the A' Level, students earned A and A in 31 subjects (58%) and B grades in 7 subjects (13%), with another seven students nominated for the same award.

The Banani campus has a consistent history of academic success on both national and international stages. Over the years, many of its students have been honoured with the Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE) Outstanding Learner Award, recognising the highest marks in Bangladesh and globally. The majority of its A-level graduates successfully secure admission to renowned universities at home and abroad.

To celebrate these achievements, an Academic Excellence Award Ceremony was held on September

24 at the Banani campus. Mrs. Monimun Nahar, a member of the school's Governing Body, along with Mrs. Enamun Nahar of the Engineer M. A. Rashid Foundation and other distinguished guests, presented awards to the high-achieving students.

South Point emphasises a well-rounded educational experience, combining participatory co-curricular activities with innovative teaching methods. Beyond academics, the school thrives in extra curricular activities.

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