

Beach Day School Student Background Information

At Beach Day School, every choice we make – whether it’s about curriculum, daily activities, room layout or even the words we use – all are informed by our belief that **children learn through play**. As teachers and administrators, we work hard to make Beach Day a place that provides opportunities for *meaningful* play, based on each child’s individual needs, interests and abilities. This is accomplished through classroom centers, and a child-led, teacher-facilitated curriculum. Smaller class size, and a low teacher-student ratio allows our teachers to truly get to *know* every student, and to support them where they need it most. BDS also adheres to a policy of *Positive Discipline*, which means that teachers look for ways to reinforce and model kind behaviors, and discourage negative behavior while modeling respectful communication.

The Parent/Teacher partnership is crucial for the success of your child, and at Beach Day School we take that responsibility seriously. On this form, we ask that you share any information you can that might help us to know and/or support your child more effectively.

1. Please describe your child’s personality. _____

2. How much interaction has your child had with children of his/her own age? _____

3. What does your child enjoy? What makes him/her happy? _____

4. What makes your child angry or upset? How does he/she show those feelings? _____

5. Does your child use any special words or communication that we should be aware of? (For things like toileting, eating, bodily functions, etc. Or, for a beloved toy, a caregiver, comfort item?) _____

6. How do you discipline your child at home? _____

7. How does your child respond to the way you discipline? _____

8. What are your hopes about your child’s year at Beach Day School? What do you most want him/her to learn?

9. Do you have any fears or concerns about your child in this year of school? If so, what are they, and why? _____

10. Is there anything else we should know about your child that will help us to support his/her growth at BDS? _____
