

# The Tutor Screening Checklist

Everything to confirm before your child's first session with a new tutor.

Hiring a tutor is a real decision. This one-page checklist walks you through the safety, qualification, and fit questions that matter most — so you can choose with open eyes. Print it, or keep it on your phone during the first call.

## Safety first

- Ask whether a background check was done, and how recently
- Ask to see the result or who ran it
- Plan to supervise sessions with a minor (parent nearby or a visible, recorded online session)
- Get the tutor's full name and a way to reach them directly
- Confirm where in-person sessions will happen (a library or open room is ideal)

## Qualifications & fit

- The tutor's experience with the subject you need
- The age or grade levels they usually work with
- Their education, training, or relevant certifications if they have them
- A recent background check
- At least 1-2 references from past families or adult students
- How they handle scheduling, cancellations, and communication
- Whether sessions are in person, online, or both

## Money & schedule

- Confirm the hourly rate in writing
- Ask about the cancellation and no-show policy

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- Ask about a short trial session before committing
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- Confirm the day, time, and format that fits your week
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- Remember: free and low-cost tutoring also exists through libraries and schools
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