

Parent Checklist: How to Verify a CBSE School Using Public Records

This one-page checklist helps parents make safer school choices without relying on rankings, awards, or advertisements. Use only information that is publicly available and verifiable.

1. CBSE Affiliation (Basic Check)

- Confirm current CBSE affiliation from official or school disclosure sources.
- Verify the affiliation number and validity period.
- Remember: affiliation confirms eligibility, not quality.

2. Mandatory Public Disclosures

- Check for a clearly visible mandatory disclosure page on the school website.
- Look for updated governance, infrastructure, and compliance information.
- Be cautious if disclosures are missing, outdated, or hard to locate.

3. Governance & Institutional Stability

- Identify the trust/society/company running the school.
- Look for long-term stability rather than frequent management changes.
- Clear ownership and governance details are positive signals.

4. Academic Results (Read Carefully)

- Avoid judging a school by toppers or a few high scores.
- Look for consistency of results across years and batches.
- Prefer factual presentation over promotional language.

5. Infrastructure vs Learning

- Facilities should be explained in terms of educational use.
- Large campuses alone do not guarantee academic quality.

6. Awards, Rankings & Claims

- Ask who conducted the ranking or award.
- Check whether participation was paid or criteria are undisclosed.
- Treat unverifiable awards as marketing, not evidence.

7. Language & Transparency

- Trust schools that use clear, factual, and modest language.
- Be cautious of exaggerated claims like 'No.1' without proof.

Quick Decision Guide

- Most boxes checked → Lower risk choice
- Many boxes unchecked → Pause and investigate further

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