STEP FOUR in the school search process is to make and refine a list of schools in your area. Start by making a big list and include all types of schools. Use resources like Google, greatschools.org, niche.com, schooldigger.com, publicschoolreview.com, and privateschoolreview.com to develop a list. Once your list is completed, start researching the schools. Visit their websites, read their mission statements, learn more about their policies and admissions criteria, and read recent news articles about the schools. Narrow your list down and include the finalists—the schools you are most interested in—on your short list worksheet.

	BIGLIST		
SCHOOL NAME		YES	NO



	BIGLIST		
SCHOOL NAME		YES	NO



	SHORTLIST			
SCHOOL NAME	NOTES	YES	MAYBE	NO



	SHORTLIST			
SCHOOL NAME	NOTES	YES	MAYBE	NO