

Campus Visits To A Post-Secondary School/College

Campus Visits: Seniors will be granted 2 college visit days

1. Make an appointment!

Contact the Admissions Office to set up a date, time, and the departments that you may be interested in visiting. Read the school's handbook and catalog beforehand. Talk with people who have gone to the institution and prepare to arrive with an open mind.

2. Be prompt and dress appropriately to make a good impression.

3. Plan on spending at least half a day on the campus.

In addition to the campus tour, try to:

- Sit in on a class - check out shops, labs, and classrooms.
- Have a meal on campus.
- Browse in the library.
- Talk with other students on campus
- Spend some time in the student center or union.
- Visit with a Financial Aid Officer.
- Visit with professors and/or coaches.
- Check out the residence halls.
- Ask to see a copy of the student newspaper.
- Get a feel for the surrounding area (recreation options, etc.....)

4. Keep notes on your visit(s).

Do not rely on your memory. How did you feel while you were on campus? (Comfortable? Lost? Afraid? Overwhelmed?).

5. Don't schedule more than two visits in a given day.

The information will blur. Keep a journal of your observations - what you liked and disliked, what impressed you about the campus or the people you saw.

6. Questions to consider:

- What is the student-to-teacher ratio?
- How large will the typical class be?
- What is the percentage of graduates in this course of study who find work?
- What is their average starting salary?
- How do students receive extra help with difficult assignments?
- What are the full costs of attending school, including tuition and fees, room and board, and books?
- What about health services, the library, employment counseling, personal counseling, and academic advising?
- Other than the library, where do students' study?
- What happens on the weekends?
- What sports, clubs, and other extracurricular activities are there to help "round out" the education experience?
- What security services are available?
- What options are available in case goals change?