



CHECKLIST 1: MY CAMPUS VISIT

If you want to take an individual visit to a college while high school is in session, you need to check with your attendance officer regarding your school's policy. COOL College Tours are group tours and are excused absences. You must sign up in advance with your college advisor and meet certain requirements. Prior to your visit, make sure the college is the right match for your interests and that they offer the majors you might want to study in college. Get directions and go with a list of questions in mind. Don't wear another university's t-shirt (especially a competitor) to the campus visit.

WHAT TO DO DURING YOUR CAMPUS VISIT:

- ☐ During your campus tour ask yourself the following questions: Are the facilities up to date? Is the campus safe? Is the library well equipped for studying? How old are the dorm rooms? Will I need a car to get around the campus? What's the cafeteria like?
- ☐ Questions to ask regarding academics/professors: Are the professors knowledgeable in their fields? Do faculty members have research grants and other work for students to participate in? Do students have the opportunity to tutor other students?
- ☐ Questions to ask current students/tour guides: Why did they choose this college? What do they love about it? What do they dislike about it? What do they do on the weekends? What do they think of the teachers? What jobs, internships, etc., have they been exposed to during their time?
- ☐ Read the student newspaper.
- ☐ If possible, tour a dorm room. Are there laundry facilities? A computer lab or attached cafeteria?
- ☐ Meet and talk with both Admissions and Financial Aid Departments. What are the admission requirements? Is there a fee? How much does it cost to attend? What financial aid options are available?
- ☐ What kind of traditions and school spirit are present at the university? Are athletic teams important to the campus? Are there intramurals? Send a handwritten thank you note to the interviewer or admission representative who helped you with your tour. This will help you stand out during the admission process.