

College Visit Information

POLICY FOR ATTENDING PRESENTATIONS BY COLLEGE ADMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVES

Seniors – Each senior receives five passes to attend college presentations. Pick up passes from the Guidance Office when signing up for the college presentation and have your teacher sign the pass.

Juniors – Each junior also receives five passes to attend college presentations. Pick up passes from the Guidance Office to attend these sessions, but juniors must have a parent's signature on the pass along with their teacher's signature.

All students, regardless of grade level, may attend any college presentation scheduled during lunch periods. Students are welcome to bring their lunch with them to these presentations.

Release from School for College Visits

Students are encouraged to make use of vacation and release days for personal college visits. Parents should notify the Main Office if they are planning to visit a college on a regular school day to ensure that it is reported as an excused absence. Students are also encouraged to notify their teachers.

The College Visit

College Visits are simply the best way to see if a college fits you. Does it match your needs? Does it match your wants? Getting on a college campus makes your research real. You may be surprised to find that you like a school you didn't think you would or that you don't like a school you were sure you would love. Colleges will also be visiting you in the fall in the College Center to talk about their school. These visits can be found on the calendar and in Naviance. I have listed many of my favorite college visit tips and questions here:

Before the Visit

- Schedule your visit with the admissions office at least two weeks in advance if possible.
- Write or call to confirm the visit time with the admissions office.
- Notify college of special requests, interests or needs you may have.
- Do your homework by reading any advance material you are sent or on-line.
- Consider requesting a meeting with a professor or coach if interested.

Day of the Visit

- Arrive early! Parking is usually scarce at colleges
- Eat and talk with students, sample the food
- Be positive in all of your conversations
- Get a student newspaper to see what the current issues are on campus
- If you have a question ask it!
- Get the names and business cards of the people you meet with!

After the Visit

- Send thank you notes to the people you met with
- Share your visit thoughts on our Moodle page
- Keep a file for each college
- Take notes and write your impressions about the school later the same day

Questions to ask on your visit:

1. Are you happy to be here? if not--why not?
2. What do you like most and least about this school?
3. If you could change anything here: what would you change?
4. What would you leave alone?
5. Is the classroom competition "cut throat" or supportive?
6. How do you find the residence halls, eating places, and scheduling?
7. Do full professors teach the classes and can you meet with them?
8. How big are the "big classes" and what is your "average size class"?
9. Where else did you apply?
10. Why did you select this school?
11. What has surprised you the most at this school?
12. Is this a safe campus? Theft? What about the surrounding area?
13. What has surprised you the most about this school?