

Campus visits are a must!

Decide where to visit and how

DECIDE WHERE

Check out

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search?navid=sat-cs> for detailed college search info.

DECIDE HOW

See if your high school arranges group trips to colleges or if you could get a group of friends together to visit a campus.

A family trip is another option which allows you to involve your family in the college choice process.

Just wandering around the campus on your own or with friends can be the best way to get a feel for what the college is like.

PREPARE FOR YOUR VISIT

Call the college admission office to schedule a visit and a guided tour. You can choose a private visit or a special campus visit program day.

Questions to ask during your visit:

What are the best reasons to go to this college?

What is it like to go from high school to college?

What do you do in your free time and on weekends?

What do you love about this college?

What do you wish you could change about this college?

Why did you choose this college?

What is it like to live here?

What does the college do to promote student involvement in campus groups, extracurricular activities, or volunteerism?



CAMPUS VISIT Checklist

Visiting a college campus helps you get a sense of what a college – and life at that college – is like. This can help you decide whether the college is right for you.

GATHER INFORMATION

Find out what you need to do to apply, and see if the college's class and major offerings are what you want:

- Take part in a group information session at the admissions office.
- Interview with an admissions staff member. (Try to meet the recruiter who is responsible for your school, town, or state.)
- Pick up information on scholarships and financial aid.
- Sit in on a class that interests you. If classes are not in session, see what classrooms are like.
- Meet a professor who teaches a subject that interests you.
- Talk to students about what they think of their classes and professors.
- Get names and business cards of people you meet so you can contact them later with questions.

EXPLORE THE CAMPUS

Get a feel for student life, and see if this college is a place where you will do well:

- Take a campus tour.
- Talk to current students about the college and life on campus.
- Check out the freshmen dorms, and stay overnight with a student, if possible.
- Visit the dining hall, fitness center, library, career center, bookstore, and other campus facilities.
- Talk to the coaches of sports that you may want to play.
- Walk or drive around the community surrounding the campus.

CHECK OUT CAMPUS MEDIA

Tune In to learn what's happening on campus and what's on students' minds:

- Listen to the college radio station.
 - Read the student newspaper.
 - Scan bulletin boards to see what daily student life is like.
 - Go to the career center and learn what services it offers.
 - Browse the school website and any campus blogs.
 - Read other student publications, such as department newsletters, alternative newspapers, and literary reviews.
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