
Preparing for a Campus Visit

Urge your mentee to visit as many colleges as possible. He/she can get the most out of a campus visit by having a plan. Review the information on this page with your him/her and make certain he/she is aware of the reasons for a campus visit.

There are two ways to make a campus visit: unprepared and prepared. The first is simply to travel to the school, tour the campus, and then return home. The second is to prepare for the visit by formulating a plan that enables a student to answer all the key questions he/she has identified.

Here are a few things that students can do during their campus visits.

1. Contact the College Admissions Officer

College admissions personnel can give you current information on all the major questions you may have about: admission requirements, financial aid, tutors and other student resources, and important deadlines.

2. Contact Friends or Student Representatives at the School

These informal contacts can answer more practical questions:

1. Are the dorms quiet?
2. Where are the best places to study?
3. Is there too much partying here?
4. Are faculty accessible or aloof?
5. Why did you pick this school?
6. Does it meet your expectations?

3. Try to Verify Costs

How much do food, tuition, and other items really cost?

Gather as much information about expenses as possible from college officials.

4. Check to see if the college has a career development service.

How much will your school do to advance your career after college?

Students need to ask for evidence that the college will help them enter a career.

5. How will this school help me achieve my goals?