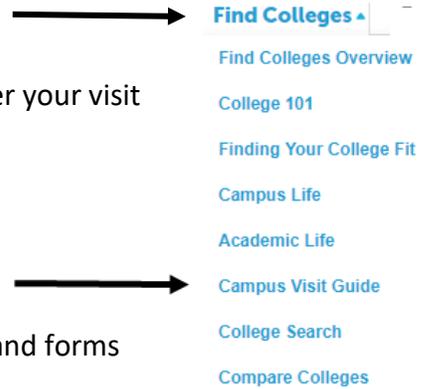


CONSIDERING A CAMPUS VISIT? HERE ARE SOME HELPFUL TIPS!

Access the Big Future website. Go to www.acalltocollege.org - click on Helpful Links – go to Big Future.

1. Search college campus visit information – Move mouse over “Find Colleges” tab – select “Campus Visit Guide”.



- Explore everything about a college campus before, during and after your visit (especially the starred links below!) ★
- Watch videos to help bring your visit to life

2. Get an excused absence from Newark High School

- See Mrs. Bishop at the HUB Attendance Desk for necessary steps and forms



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Campus Visit Guide

Campus Visits: Before You Go

A visit to a college campus can help you decide if that college is right for you. Make a plan ahead of time to get the most from your visit.

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Why Visit Colleges?

Visiting a college is the best way to get a feel for the campus — from classes and dorms to the cafeteria menu. Find out how to make the most of your time there.

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10 Ways to Learn About Colleges Online

You can learn a lot about colleges online. This is really helpful if you can't visit a campus in person. Learn what to look for and start researching.

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When to Visit

You'll get a better feel for a college campus and how you'll fit in there if you know the best time to visit.

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Students Speak: How Campus Visits Helped Me Choose

Sometimes a campus visit can make all the difference. Hear from students who found the right college for them after visiting the campus.

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★ Experts give tips on what to do during campus visits

Campus Visit Checklist

Get tips on what to look for and questions to ask while you're there. This checklist will help you cover all the bases.

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★ How can you find out what a campus is really like?

Jeff Brenzel, Dean of Undergraduate Admissions, Yale University

Campus Visit Score Card

Copy 'n' carry
this score
card for each
college you
visit!

College Name: _____

Date of Visit: _____

Visit Checklist

Here are some ways to round out your visit. The main thing is to explore and get a sense of what it would be like to attend.

- Take a campus tour.
- Take pictures.
- Eat in the cafeteria.
- Pick up an application.
- Pick up financial aid forms.
- Look at bulletin boards for day-to-day life.
- Check out a real dorm room.
- Read student newspapers.
- Sit in on a class or two.
- Talk to a professor in a subject of interest.
- Talk to a coach in your sport.
- Walk around town.
- Go to a campus event—game, concert.
- Ask current students what they love/hate about the college.

Contacts

Write down the names of anyone you want to remember or contact later—admissions and financial aid staff, professors, coaches, or students.

name: _____

contact: _____



College Search Online

- Get maps and directions.
- Create a college list and save these campus notes online.
- Look up the latest college info.
- See if you're on track to get in.
- Compare colleges side by side.
- Get deadline reminders.
- Find more college matches.

bigfuture.org/college-search

Campus Ratings

Rate these areas from 1 (low) to 5 (high). Jot down your impressions—things you like or don't like, things you want to remember.

Campus

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

Dorms

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

Classes/Academics

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

Library

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

Food

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

Fitness Center

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

Social Life

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

Overall Feel

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

Other Notes: Can you picture yourself here?