How to Prepare for a College Visit Worksheet

Going on college visits should not only be fun, but also part of your high school experience. However, when visiting a college campus and make the most out of your visit, you should prepare in advance. In order to prepare, consider the following:

PRE-VISIT

1. Does the university or college offer your major?
   - Yes  No

2. What are the school’s admissions requirements
   - ACT Minimum Score: __________
   - GPA Requirements: __________
   - Essay Required?: Yes  No
   - Interview Required: Yes  No

3. What are your chances of success at this school, in terms of admission, graduation, and placement?
   - What is the average ACT or SAT of entering freshmen? __________
   - What is the average GPA of entering freshmen? __________
   - How many freshmen applied? __________
   - How many freshmen were admitted who applied? __________
   - What is the graduation rate? __________
   - What is the job placement rate of recent graduates? __________

4. What is the process of admission for that school and what are the deadlines?
   - Early Decision Yes  No
   - Early Action Yes  No
   - Rolling Admission Yes  No

5. What is the college environment like?
   - Campus Diversity: __________
   - Size of Campus: __________
   - Location: Urban  Rural

6. What are the school’s costs?
   - Tuition: __________
   - Room & Board: __________
   - Fees: __________
   - Total Cost: __________
DURING THE VISIT:

- Talk with students
- Consider attending a class – witness class
- Size, teaching style, academic atmosphere or meet with faculty
- Ask about financial aid opportunities (deadlines, forms required, etc)
- Take a campus tour: visit the library, residence halls, and dining facilities
- Identify career planning services for undergraduates
- Ask about the amount and kind of study necessary for success
- Investigate transportation options
- Find out how students use their out-of-classroom time
- Become aware of student activities (clubs, organizations, intramural sports, etc) and student support offices/services
- Inquire about student leadership or community service opportunities
- Make an appointment to return to campus and meet personally with an Admissions officer