



## College Day Visitation

Visiting a prospective college can be an immense help in selecting the right college or vocational school. A visit is the best way to get the “feel” of whether a campus provides an environment that will encourage you to be productive.

Many colleges and universities designate certain days each year as special visitation days for prospective students and their parents. Many of these days are posted on the Student Services bulletin board as the high school receives them.

It is essential to bring in a College Day Form at least **ONE WEEK** before you plan to visit a college. Since you may be excused from school only **once** during your junior year and **twice** during your senior year, it is important to choose wisely and make the most of your time while on campus. Parents are urged to go with you.

THERE WILL BE NO COLLEGE DAYS IN THE MONTH OF **MAY** EXCEPT TO TAKE PLACEMENT TESTING OR REGISTRATION.

### SUGGESTIONS FOR PLANNING A SUCCESSFUL CAMPUS VISIT

1. While there is no best time to visit a campus, there are some times to be avoided. University vacation periods, exam periods and “big” weekends (homecoming, parent’s day, etc.) do not provide a typical perspective of life on campus.
2. Consult a school counselor for assistance in arranging a visit. A telephone call by the counselor to an admissions counselor may be helpful in developing an agenda for a visit.
3. Before arriving on campus, homework should be done. Read the college catalog. Know what questions to ask.
4. While on campus, note bulletin boards, message boards and posters wherever they appear. All give an indication of usual campus events and activities. Look at the library. Obtain a sense of the academic pressure that exists. Visit the financial aid and housing offices if desired. Most schools have campus tours. Ask the admissions counselor.
5. Remember, an interview with an admissions counselor is a “two sided” affair. They may also ask for information of you, so be prepared. Know your current GPA, class rank and SAT/ACT composite. Know extracurricular activities, work experiences, significant interests and special awards. What questions do you have?

## QUESTIONS YOU MAY WANT TO HAVE ANSWERED DURING YOUR CAMPUS VISIT

There are three main areas at the college, which you will want to observe closely and ask questions about: academic areas, living areas and recreation areas. Some possible questions are:

1. Are there adequate educational facilities for the department of my major area of interest?
2. Do lab facilities appear to be up-to-date and adequate?
3. What is the typical class size for freshmen?
4. Are library facilities sufficient? Do the reading and reference rooms provide good study conditions?
5. Does the campus have appeal in general? Is it clean and orderly?
6. What types of housing are commonly available to freshmen? Are dorms co-ed or single sex? Does a student have a choice in housing?
7. Where do students eat? What kinds of meal plans are available; are there snack bars? 8. What activities go on at the student union?
8. If they have fraternities and sororities, do they have houses and what percentage of students join?
9. What members of the college staff are available to counsel about choice of courses, school difficulties, vocational plans or personal problems?
10. What kind of athletic facilities or programs do they have? What cultural activities are available on campus or nearby?

Be sure to find out about college costs. What is the average total cost per year for students attending this college? What scholarships and grants are available to entering students? To whom and by what date should applications for these be made?

## REQUEST PERMISSION TO LEAVE SCHOOL FOR A COLLEGE DAY

I hereby give my consent for \_\_\_\_\_ to be granted permission to leave Paris Cooperative High School on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/20\_\_\_\_ to attend \_\_\_\_\_ for the purpose of gaining information on registration and attendance procedures of that institution. The school is released from all responsibility for the above named student on that day. Final consideration on the request for a college day is made by the administrations of Paris High School. Request may be denied by the administration.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO STUDENT SERVICES AT LEAST **ONE WEEK** PRIOR TO THE REQUESTED DATE.