

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR CAMPUS VISITS

- Choosing a college is an important academic and financial decision, and campus visits are the best way to determine whether a college may be a good fit for you.
- Campus visits are often available on weekdays as well as weekends. The advantage of a weekday is you will be able to experience the campus during a regular school day, and learn more about a college major which interests you.
- Your parent/guardian should go with you on your campus visit if at all possible.
- You will apply to colleges in August/September of senior year, therefore we recommend:
 - **Sophomores:** Make one campus visit in the fall or spring
 - **Juniors:** Make two campus visits in the fall or spring
 - **Seniors:** Make two campus visits in the fall if you have not visited the schools in which you plan to apply. Otherwise, save these campus visits for the spring.

BEFORE THE VISIT

1. **Go to the College Website to schedule a campus tour...**
2. ... **AND make an appointment for an information session in your major area(s) of interest.** Some colleges allow you to do this online; for others you'll need to call their Admissions Office. This is a very helpful part of your campus visit, so you can compare colleges in terms of your possible major. These information sessions will fill, so be sure to schedule your campus visit and info session as soon as possible!
3. Contact the Admissions Office directly to make arrangements for the following:
 - If you have a strong interest in a major or two, request a meeting with an advisor in the school in which you are interested.
 - Have lunch where the students eat
 - Sit in on a class in your probable major
 - Talk with a financial aid counselor
 - Talk to a coach, club supervisor, or activity moderator
4. Follow all RHS guidelines for a college visit.
Signatures are required by 2 pm the day before your visit.
5. **Be prepared!**
 - **Learn** as much about the college as possible *before* the visit. Check the website, brochures, etc.
 - **Prepare a list of questions** to ask during your visit.
 - Bring an unofficial copy of your transcript with you to the visit. If you do not have one, you can get one from your counselor. You may also bring an updated activities resume.
 - Bring materials to take **notes** during and/or after your visit.

COLLEGE VISITATION INSTRUCTIONS AND FORM

Juniors and Seniors - 2 visits per school year

Sophomores - 1 visit per school year

1. Make appointment with the University's Office of Admission.
2. Obtain college visitation form from the guidance office.
3. Parent/guardian and student signs form and then Mrs. Avery signs the form **by 2:00 the day before the visitation.** Mrs. Avery will return the form to the student, and the student takes the form to the university to be signed.
4. University official signs this form and returns it to the student the day of the visit.
5. The form is returned by the student to Mrs. Avery the first school day after the visit.
6. **This college day is excused when all steps are completed in the above order. Failure to follow the above steps could result in an unexcused absence for the day.**

Please read the directions carefully. Your signature indicates understanding of the policies governing an excused college day. Direct questions to your counselor.

_____ will be visiting
(Student Name)

_____ college/university on
(Institution)

(Date)

This is an excused absence but it is the student's responsibility to complete this form in the manner described below and arrange for make-up work upon returning to school.

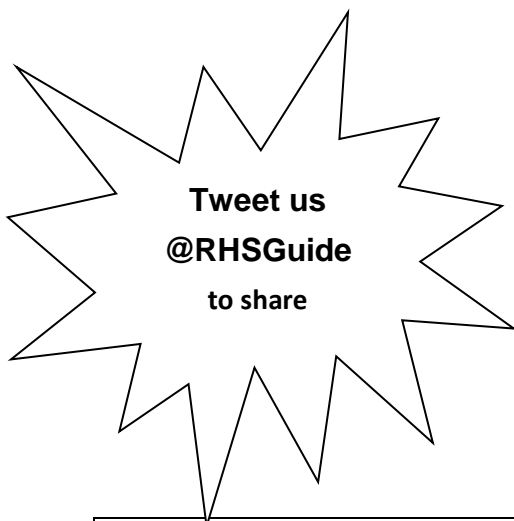
Student signature

Parent/Guardian signature

Attendance Officer, Mrs. Avery (after parent signature)

College/University Official

College/University Official's Telephone Number



Please note: College visitation days are not allowed immediately before/after Fall or Spring Break, before/after Prom weekend, on the day of the student's ISTEP testing, on Walkathon day, nor any school day in May.