

College Fair

Questions to Ask

Before the Fair

- Look over your college list
- Try to narrow your field of study
- Review the list of colleges attending the fair to find ones with your intended major or any on your list
- Research 3 colleges admissions requirements and deadlines for comparison at the fair

Admission Questions:

- What are the admissions requirements?
- What do you look for in a student?
- What is the average GPA for incoming freshman?
- Are there different admissions requirements for specific colleges and/or programs? Different deadlines?
- What is the most popular major? Is it more difficult to get into because it is popular?
- Are interviews required?
- What are the most important pieces of the application?
- How do you view the senior schedule?
- What percentage of first year students return the following year?
- What percentage of graduates are employed within one year?
- How do I arrange a campus visit?
- Do you accept the college and AP credits I have earned in high school?
- Will the need for financial aid affect my chance of being accepted?

Student Questions

- What is the average class size?
- Will any classes be taught only on a computer or online?
- Will professors or graduate students teach my courses?
- When must I declare a major?
- Do I need to bring my own computer?
- What student services are offered (tutoring, career counseling, study workshops)?
- Does your school offer study abroad programs?
- What types of housing is available (residence halls, suites, apartments)?
- Will I have to be required to have a roommate?
- How are roommates selected?
- Can freshman have cars on campus?
- What if I want to commute from home, is this allowed?
- How do students access the library and computer labs?
- What special interest groups and/or activities are most popular?
- What is the school known for?
- How safe is the campus and surrounding areas?

Financial Aid Questions

- What forms will we need to fill out?
- Do you require the CSS Profile?
- What college specific scholarships do you offer?
- What is the average award for students?
- Will the scholarships I receive as a high school student reduce the amount of need-based aid I receive or will it be applied to unmet need?
- Do I need to fill out the FAFSA to be eligible to work on campus or apply for scholarships?

College Fair Tips:

- Be ready to chat. Now is not the time to be shy.
- Use this time to learn about colleges and programs interesting to you
- Start at some colleges NOT on your list. This will help you get comfortable and then make a great first impression.
- Speak to representatives from colleges with the major you would like to study. Stop at as many colleges as possible with this in mind. The more information you have, the better you will be able to understand requirements and course choices in a variety of programs.
- Put a smile on your face and **HAVE FUN!!**