

GET READY, GET SET . . . GO!

TOOLS TO HELP STUDENTS AND PARENTS GET READY FOR THE COLLEGE FAIR

Students and their parents should establish a list of priorities before meeting with the college representatives. Consider the following: (1) admission requirements, (2) characteristics of the college, (3) nature of the student population, (4) questions about academics, (5) costs and financial aid.

Bring a pen or pencil. Many representatives will ask for your name and address so they can send you additional information. Develop your own list of questions to ask the college representatives by using the suggested topics below as your guide.

I. QUESTIONS ABOUT ADMISSION POLICIES

1. What high school courses are required?
2. Are entrance tests required? Which ones? What range of scores is accepted?
3. Does the college require a certain grade point average? Rank in class?
4. Will my activities and involvement in high school be considered?
5. Is there an essay on the application?
6. Is there an early decision or early action plan?
7. How are admissions decisions made?
8. Are personal interviews or letters of recommendations required?
9. Are there special requirements for impacted majors?
10. What percent of applicants are admitted?
11. Can admission denials be appealed?
12. What is the application filing deadline?

II. QUESTIONS ABOUT COLLEGE

1. Where is the college located: urban/rural, in-state/out-of-state, weather considerations?
2. What is the surrounding community like?
3. Is the college public, private, religious affiliated, co-educational?
4. Is the emphasis of the college on liberal arts, technical or professional?
5. How many students attend?
6. What special programs are offered?
7. Does the college have general education requirements? What are they?
8. Does the college have special programs for transfer students?
9. What is the academic calendar like? Is it a semester, quarter, trimester plan?