



## COLLEGE VISIT TO DO LIST and QUESTIONS TO ASK

### **Before the Visit:**

- \*Call the college admissions office to set up your visit a few weeks in advance if possible.
- \*Ask to have a complete campus tour, including meeting a student and professor in your potential major
- \*Develop a list of questions you have in addition to the ones listed on this page
- \*Contact the college representative you made the appointment with a day or two before the visit to confirm your appointment.

### **During the Visit:**

- \*Dress appropriately (remember you represent MHS on your visit)
- \*Talk with someone in the admissions office:
  - What are the application requirements/deadlines?
  - Is there an application fee and if so can it be waived for students who visit in person?
  - Is there a separate application and/or deadline for scholarships?
  - What Work-Study opportunities are available?
  - Are there any special classes required for freshmen (Some schools have a freshmen seminar)?
  - What percentage of students return for a second year?
  - What percent graduate on time?
  - What is the job placement rate for graduates?
  - What percentage of students continue on to graduate school and for your major, which graduate schools do most students attend?
  - Are medical/mental health services available on campus? Is health insurance available or required?
  - How are Dual Credit/AP Courses counted? Transferred for credit only? Considered part of GPA? Is there a maximum amount of credits allowed for transfer? If you have multiple credits ask if you will be considered a first-time/freshman student or a transfer student?
- \*Meet someone in the Financial Aid Office:
  - What is the cost of tuition? cost of room & board?
  - What fees (like books, parking, additional meal plans, technology usage, laundry, sororities/fraternities, workout facilities, etc.) are/are not included and how much are they?
  - What scholarships are available? Are the scholarships stackable?
  - How would you rate the average debt load of a graduate from the college?
- \*As you tour campus, read the signs/bulletin boards around campus to see what activities are being advertised
- \*Visit the student union and recreational facilities
- \*Sit in on a class in your field of interest

**\*Talk to a professor:**

How are the classes structured?

What is the average class size?

Are grad students allowed to teach?

How often do professors meet individually or in small study groups with students?

Are there tutoring centers on campus or other academic supports for students?

**\*Talk to at least one student in your major. Ask multiple students the same questions to check consistency.**

What is the best part about this college? the worst part?

What is a typical day like?

What types of activities/athletics/organizations are available on campus?

How diverse is the student body?

What do the students do on the weekends?

What does the college do to create a safe environment? Do you feel safe here?

Why did you choose this college? Do you have any regrets about that choice?

**\*Go inside a dorm room - then picture yourself living there**

What types of housing are available? Co-ed or same gender dorms? Community spaces?

Are there living-learning programs (like all majors living in the same dorm)?

Is housing guaranteed or required for any time?

Who supervises the dorms-adults or older students?

Are academic advisors in the dorms?

How is access to the dorms controlled?

Can students request escorts to their dorms late at night?

Do the campus police coordinate with local law enforcement?

What are the emergency/safety plans and how are students trained in these?

**\*Visit the library and/or computer labs:**

What are the hours these are open?

Are there quiet places for research as well as areas to meet with study groups?

Do students have easy access to computers and/or WiFi in the dorms?

Are there time frames/limits on computer usage or WiFi? \*Eat in a campus cafeteria:

Are there healthy food options? How clean is it? What days/hours are they open?

Are there other alternatives to the typical cafeteria included in the meal plan?

**\*Tour the town/city around the campus**

Is there affordable public transportation to and from campus?

How far is it to a grocery/general store?

How is the campus involved with the local community?

**\*Eat at an off-campus restaurant recommended by students**

**After the Visit:**

**\*Talk with your family about the visit**

**\*Rank the college in comparison with your other post-secondary choices (Consider in your ranking: cost, location/town, campus, character of people met, classrooms/sizes, dorms, opportunities for involvement, food)**

**\*Turn in verification to the attendance office to be excused (agenda from the day or letter from the college verifying the visit).**

**\*Meet with Mrs. Neighbors to discuss the visit and update your SCOIR account.**