



April

FOR FAMILIES OF 10th GRADE

Exploring College Campuses

Visiting a college campus is one of the most exciting steps in choosing a college. If possible, it's best if your teen can visit multiple campuses before senior year. Visiting colleges is a great way to get a feel for what college is like. It can help your family and child decide if a specific college is a right fit.

Exploring campuses is well worth your while. You don't have to travel far—visiting local two- and four-year colleges is just as valuable. It's best to go when the college is in session. That way, you'll get to see it when classes are meeting and day-to-day activities are taking place.

Campus visits can range from a quick hour to an overnight stay, from a casual guided tour to a formal presentation. Most campus visits will include the following:

- **An information session.** An admissions representative talks to you or your group about the college before the campus tour.
- **A campus tour.** These are usually led by current students. You'll see the main parts of the campus and have a chance to ask questions.

To arrange a visit, contact that school's admissions office or website to sign up for a tour online. SLHS generally visits these college campuses in May: freshman to Seattle Pacific University, sophomores to Pacific Lutheran University, and juniors to Western Washington University.

Source: [BigFuture](#)



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Did You Know?

In addition to exploring campuses in person, you and your child can learn about colleges online. Try these free online tools: [College Raptor](#), [BigFuture](#), [ApplyMap](#), [Cappex](#), or [College Confidential](#).

Myth Buster

MYTH: If my teen gets a really high score on an admission test, he or she can get in anywhere.

REALITY: High test scores won't automatically get a student in any college.

For example, students may have high scores, but their school record might show that they haven't worked hard in their classes.

Colleges want well-rounded students who have shown good character, motivation and accomplishments, both inside and outside the classroom.

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Upcoming Events & Announcements:

We are remote learning
for the remainder
of the school year.
We will notify you when new
events are scheduled.
We miss you!

Student Checklist

- Research colleges online.** Conduct in depth research of postsecondary options and careers, including going on postsecondary campus visits, to three to five programs aligned with your career interests. Naviance is great for this - ask Mrs. Clark if you need help.
- Learn how to pay for college.** Learn the differences between grants, loans, work-study, and scholarships.

Family Checklist

- Encourage your child to research colleges online.**
- Learn how to pay for college.** Learn the differences between grants, loans, work-study, and scholarships.

Sources: [Federal Student Aid](#), [BigFuture](#), & [ReadySetGrad](#)



Visit readyssetgrad.org to learn more and access resources to help your child make a plan.