

SP³ - Student Planning Pointers for Parents



Conversation Starters

Time for Serious College Visits – 11th Grade

You know your student the best, so the following talking points are simply a guideline to use in starting a conversation with your 11th grader about combining activities at college campuses with an official visit to a college campus. Be sure to first check the school's website for their current visit policies.

Before you go:

- ▶ While we are there, let's take our own tour of campus and check out other spaces we aren't shown during the official tour.
- ▶ Before our official visit, do a little research about the school and see what you would be interested in exploring there. What should we make sure to see?

While you are there:

- ▶ What are your impressions of this school?
- ▶ What do you think people like or dislike about it?
- ▶ Do you feel comfortable asking current students some questions about why they chose this school?

After you leave:

- ▶ So what did you think of it?
- ▶ What is your impression of the look and feel of the campus, the residence halls, the students you saw, the information from the tour guide, the people you met, the programs it offers?
- ▶ Could you see yourself at that school?



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