

# W-L High School

## Campus Visit Checklist

### **Gather information**

- Research online before you go- can use Naviance Student
- Arrange and prepare for the visit
- Visit Admissions
- Take part in group information session
- Pick up financial aid information
- Interview with an admissions representative
- Sit in on a class
- Talk to students
- Talk to professors in your chosen major
- Talk to coaches
- Get the names and business cards of people you meet

### **Explore the Campus**

- Take the campus tour
- Check out the freshmen dorms
- Visit the dining hall, fitness center, library, career center, bookstore
- Wander around the campus
- Get a feel for the character of the campus
- Have a meal in the dining hall and another in the surrounding community
- Visit the surrounding community

### **Learn what is happening on campus**

- Follow them on twitter
- Listen to the college radio station
- Read the student newspaper
- Scan bulletin boards
- Watch student newscasts
- Browse the school's website
- Attend an event

### **Find out requirements for admission**

- High school program of study- minimums/AP/Dual Enrollment
- Grades/GPA
- Standardized test scores- ACT, SAT, SAT Subject tests, APs
- Extracurricular activities/Work experience/Community Service
- Supplemental information: transcript, recommendations, secondary school report, resume, portfolio
- Personal statement/Essays/short answers
- Deadlines
- Do you need to apply early to be considered for merit-based scholarships?

# questions to ask

## **Ask Admissions:**

- What is the typical class size?
- What is student to faculty ratio?
- What is the freshmen retention rate?
- What percentage of applicants were accepted last year?
- Does the school provide tutors?
- What is the quality of faculty advising?
- Is housing guaranteed all four years?
- Are there fraternities and sororities?
- How is the student spirit; turnout at sporting events?
- Is the student body diverse?
- Can freshmen have cars?
- What does the college do to ensure graduates get good jobs?

## **Ask Students:**

- What are the best reasons to go here?
- What is it like to go from high school to college?
- What happens on campus on the weekends?
- What do you love about this college?
- Why did you choose your major?
- Do you feel they are preparing you well for the real world?

## **Ask Professors:**

- What are the best reasons to go here?
- Can a student be mentored by professors?
- How does a student have access to professors outside of class?
- How many students do research?
- What do you do to prepare your students for the job market?

## **Ask Financial Aid:**

- What is the total cost of attendance?
- How much do students owe on average when they graduate?
- How many freshmen receive aid?
- What is the average income of graduates in my chosen major?
- How long does it take students to get their degree?