

COLLEGE FAIR DISCUSSION AND STUDENT QUESTIONS

Attending a college fair might be an overwhelming experience for some students. Fortunately, the following suggestions can turn it into a productive, interesting, and enjoyable one. Remember that college representatives actually like interacting with students and appreciate thoughtful questions!

For students of any grade level, demonstrating interest by checking in with representatives, providing contact information, and/or asking related questions is always a good idea. They should provide the college with contact information using the representative's system such as a contact card or email address.

For **Sophomores and Freshmen**, the college fair can be a good "one-stop shopping" to investigate a diverse set of post-secondary institutions. Students should remain open to many possibilities: colleges, universities, and technical schools and gather material.

For **Juniors and Seniors**, the purpose of a college fair is to check in with colleges to which they intend to apply and check in with a few others that might remain contenders. Senior activity at the college fair is fairly straightforward: approach the tables of colleges where they plan to apply, meet the representatives, indicate that they're applying, and fill out contact cards. For juniors, this is the time to start narrowing down their search, gathering materials, and asking pertinent questions such as the ones listed below.

Effective questions for college representatives:

A good way to start: "Hi, I'm [name]. How are you doing?" This is a refreshing start for a college representative! "I'm considering attending [name of school]. Are there a couple of features that set your college apart from others?"

Additional questions:

What is the student profile for your admitted students?
(ACT/SAT/class rank, GPA)

What are the top three majors?

When are the enrollment deadlines?

When are notifications of acceptance sent?

How would you characterize first year classes in terms of size and style?

What is the student to faculty ratio?

Are freshmen required to live on campus or purchase a meal plan?

What honors programs are available? Is there honors housing?

What types of scholarship opportunities are available?

What kinds of tutoring assistance are available?