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Student Preparation Handout

A college fair is a chance to explore colleges, ask questions, and learn more about your options.

Student message. A little preparation goes a long way. Plan ahead, stay curious, take notes, and keep an open mind.

BEFORE THE FAIR

Plan ahead so you can make the most of your time.

- ☐ Review the list of colleges attending.
- ☐ Choose 5-8 colleges to visit first.
- ☐ Look up basic information about each college.
- ☐ Think about what matters to you in a college.
- ☐ Prepare questions to ask.
- ☐ Bring something to take notes with.
- ☐ Use an email you check regularly.

AFTER THE FAIR

Follow up while it is fresh in your mind.

- ☐ Review your notes.
- ☐ Identify colleges you want to learn more about.
- ☐ Visit college websites.
- ☐ Sign up for campus visits or virtual sessions.
- ☐ Follow up by email if needed.
- ☐ Talk with your counselor or family about what you learned.

QUESTIONS YOU CAN ASK

Great questions help you get better answers.

ACADEMICS

- What majors are most popular?
- What academic support is available?
- What makes your academic programs unique?

ADMISSIONS

- What are your admission requirements?
- Is the test optional?
- What is your application deadline?

COST & SCHOLARSHIPS

- What is the total cost of attendance?
- What scholarships are available?
- Are merit scholarships automatic?

CAMPUS LIFE

- What clubs and activities are popular?
- What is campus life like on weekends?
- How do students get involved?

FIT

- What do you like most about your college?
- What types of students thrive here?
- Can I talk to a current student?

DURING THE FAIR

Be proactive, curious, and respectful.

- ☐ Introduce yourself politely.
- ☐ Ask specific questions.
- ☐ Take notes to remember what you learn.
- ☐ Collect contact information or scan QR codes.
- ☐ Visit at least one college you have never heard of.
- ☐ Be respectful of representatives and other students.

QUICK TIPS

- Arrive on time.
- Be yourself and ask questions you care about.
- Talk to more than one college.
- Have fun and keep an open mind.

MY REFLECTION

Three colleges I want to research more:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

One thing I learned:

One question I still have:

