

# SCHOOL VISITS PROS & CONS

TYPE OF VISIT	PROS	CONS
<b>Open House</b>	Great experience; schools usually put a lot of effort into their open houses because they know most of their potential students will attend.	Not very personal; does not give a true sense of what attending the school will be like. Usually held after school hours, and not much activity is taking place.
<b>Spend A Day</b>	Allows students to get a feel of what being a student at the school will be like; students are allowed to sit in classes and meet future teachers. Prospective students can have a real discussion with current students about the school.	May be difficult for students to miss a day at their current school to spend a day at their prospective school. Staff and students modify their behavior when guests arrive.
<b>Personal Tours</b>	Students have direct contact with school officials and are able to ask questions because there are no time constraints or distractions. Students may be able to briefly visit a class to get a sense of teaching methods.	May miss touring the school with others who may provide a different point of view of the school and have specific questions answered. Staff and students modify their behavior when guests arrive.

\*\*If unable to visit the school in person, gather as much information about the school and create a list of questions (prioritize questions), then make a phone appointment to speak with the admissions director.\*\*