

SCHOOL VISITS PROS & CONS

TYPE OF VISIT	PROS	CONS
Open House	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.
Spend A Day	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.
Personal Tours	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.****