



CAMPUS VISITS – WHEN TO GO AND WHAT TO ASK



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#### Scheduling Campus Visits

When is the best time to schedule a campus visit? If you are planning to attend college and haven't started your college plan or road map to college, now may be the time! There are several sites that can help you get started – we recommend:

- [The College Board](#)
- [MyFuture.com](#)

By junior year, most high school students are beginning to think about where they would like to go to college. In fact, many high school juniors take the opportunity during spring break to check out some of the colleges they will consider applying to next fall. Seniors may also take advantage of spring break to visit campuses to help them make their final decision after receiving acceptance letters.

Why visit during your spring break? A few reasons, but most importantly, classes are in full session since colleges have already had their spring break. When the college is in session, you will get a better idea of what daily life looks

like on campus and what activities are available. If you miss out on this opportunity, don't worry, there will be other dates available. Regardless of when you go visit, be sure to plan ahead.

Contact the college admissions office to get more details or sign up for an organized session if they have one coming up. Most campuses will include an information session and a campus tour. Some may even allow you to attend a class, eat in the dining hall or spend the night in a dorm room. Be sure to take full advantage of all the college has to offer to determine if it's a right fit for you.

For whatever reason, if you are unable to physically visit a college before making a decision, be sure to take advantage of the incredible resources available online through most university websites. You should also use the web resources available to research colleges before scheduling your visit. Here are a few sites dedicated to providing you with a virtual campus tour:

- [Campus Tours](#)
- [You Visit](#)
- [eCampusTours.com](#)

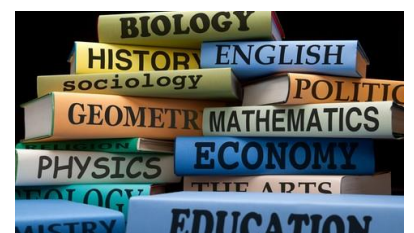
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#### Campus Visit Checklist



#### OP Spotlight on Majors:



## Campus Visit Checklist

When it comes to visiting and choosing a college, there is a whole lot to consider. You have already narrowed down your choices by researching them online, but now it is time to take your campus tours. Before you get there, make sure you have a list of questions with you. Form your questions around what is most important to you. Carry your list with you and also make notes as you go along to compare with any other colleges you plan to visit. *Adventures in Education* provides a printable checklist for you [here](#). Just be sure to include questions and/or make comments about each of the following areas:

1. Campus building conditions
2. Nearby meal options and grocery stores
3. Class sizes and professor knowledge
4. Extracurricular activities
5. Banking options
6. Mood on campus
7. Healthcare options
8. Career Center
9. Student employment
10. Financial aid and scholarships
11. Safety and crime on campus
12. Transportation

For more tools and ideas on campus visits, also check out:

[The College Board checklist](#)

[MyFuture.com checklist](#)



## Spotlight on Majors: Education

### What can I do with an Education major?

An Education major can lead to a broad range of occupations. Most become K-12 teachers, but an Education degree can also lead to a career in Higher Education, Adult and Continuing Education, Business, Training, and Government. As a student, you will want to clearly define your goals and seek the experience and skills necessary to reach those goals. For more information on what types of careers you can have with an Education major, click [here](#).

### What are the top ranking schools for an Education major?

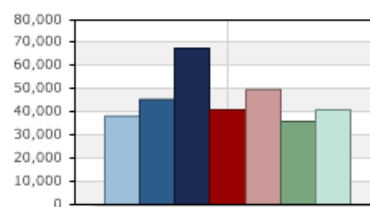
US News ranks the top schools for earning your advanced degree in Education [here](#). According to [payscale.com](#), the best schools for an undergraduate degree in Education include:

- Central Connecticut State University
- Southern Illinois University
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- University of Vermont

You can also check out schools based on a variety of other rankings through [US News](#) and [The Princeton Review](#).

### How much money can I make?

#### Median Salary by Job – Degree: Bachelor of Arts (BA), Education (United States)



Elementary School Teacher (55)	\$38,462
High School Teacher (37)	\$45,594
Executive Director (23)	\$67,871
Office Manager (19)	\$41,132
Executive Assistant (18)	\$50,050
Administrative Assistant (18)	\$36,158
Middle School Teacher (17)	\$41,233

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