



## College Visit Etiquette

All CFES Scholars visit colleges to learn about the admissions process, academic expectations, and campus life. During college visits, you will meet college students, faculty, and staff. Be prepared to greet them, answer questions about your school, and tell them about your interest in college. Remember that when you visit college athletic facilities, dormitories, classrooms, and offices, you are in spaces where people work, practice, and live. Also remember that as a CFES Scholar, you are representing CFES, as well as your school. *Please behave responsibly!*

With that in mind, here are some guidelines for visiting colleges that CFES asks you to follow:

1. Turn off your cell phone and iPod, put away your snack/drink, and save your comments and questions for the appropriate time.
2. Use good manners and be a positive role model for your peers. This means always saying “thank you” to those who help you, being polite and respectful of others, and lending a helping hand whenever necessary.
3. Be prepared to ask questions and record the memorable aspects of your visit. Whether that means taking photos, jotting down notes, or creating a folder filled with information packets from the colleges you visit, organize your personal recollections. That way, when you return home, you’ll be able to sift through the information and compare and contrast the different colleges you’ve visited.
4. Pay attention during presentations, class visits, and tours. Students sometimes base their opinion of a college on whether or not they like the people they meet there. While you are on campus, take a few moments to find hidden “clues” about college life. Look at the other students walking around the campus. Check out the posters and signs. Is the campus vibrant and active? Nonverbal clues can be as revealing as what the college’s faculty, staff, and students tell you.
5. Follow instructions from your college hosts. Following their lead promotes safety and allows you to take advantage of their firsthand knowledge and insights.
6. Explore the college’s website prior to your visit. Review the admissions page, campus map, and at least one item of interest to you about the college. This will be helpful in preparing questions and making the most of your visit.