



Newburyport High School

College Visit Questions and Notes

Academic Programs & Opportunities

- What are the most popular majors at your school?
- How flexible is the curriculum? Can students double major or change majors easily?
- Does your school offer honors programs or learning communities?
- Are there opportunities for undergraduate research or internships?
- What kind of academic support services (tutoring, writing centers, etc.) are available to students?
- What is the average class size, and how accessible are professors to students?
- How often are new academic programs or majors added?
- Are there specific programs for first-year students to help them adjust to college life?

Admissions Process

- What are the most important factors in your admissions decisions?
- Are there any advantages to applying Early Decision or Early Action?
- Do you have a test-optional policy? If so, should students submit test scores if they have them?
- How do you evaluate AP, IB, or dual enrollment credits?
- What kind of applicant stands out to your admissions committee?
- Are admissions interviews required or recommended?
- How important are extracurricular activities or community service in the admissions process?

Campus Life

- What are some campus traditions that are unique to the college/university?
- What is the student body like in terms of diversity (ethnic, geographical, socioeconomic)?
- What percentage of students live on campus? Are students required to live on campus their first year?
- What types of housing options are available (traditional dorms, suites, apartments)?
- What do students do for fun on campus and in the surrounding area?
- How active are student organizations, and what kinds of clubs are available?
- How prominent is Greek life on campus, and how does it shape the campus culture?
- Are there opportunities to participate in intramural or club sports?
- How is the food on campus, and what meal plan options are available?

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- What percentage of students receive financial aid or scholarships?
- Does your school meet 100% of demonstrated financial need?
- Are there merit-based scholarships available, and what are the requirements?
- How can students find out if they qualify for institutional scholarships?
- Are work-study opportunities available to students?
- What are the average costs of tuition, housing, and meal plans?

Career Services & Outcomes

- What percentage of graduates are employed or in graduate school within six months of graduating?
- What kind of career services or internship programs does your school offer?
- How active is your alumni network, and how do they help students find jobs or internships?
- Are there industry partnerships that help students with job placement?
- What support does your school offer for students planning to go to graduate or professional school?

Student Support & Well-being

- What mental health and wellness services are available to students?
- What resources are there for students with disabilities or learning differences?
- How safe is your campus, and what security measures are in place?
- Are there mentorship programs for first-generation or minority students?
- How does your school help students with time management and stress management?

Location & Logistics

- What's the surrounding community like, and how connected is the school to it?
- How easy is it to get around campus and the local area without a car?
- How is the public transportation system, or are there campus shuttles available?
- What are the options for on-campus and off-campus housing after freshman year?
- How accessible are off-campus activities like internships or cultural events?
- How does the weather impact student life, especially for students from different climates?

Academic Environment & Classroom Experience

- What is the student-to-faculty ratio?
- How are faculty involved in mentoring students outside of the classroom?
- Are there opportunities for students to assist with faculty research?
- What types of academic advising services are available?
- How are academic policies like course registration and grading handled?
- How does your school handle students who are struggling academically?