

COLLEGE VISITATION REQUEST FORM

Name: _____ Date: _____

Homeroom: _____

We certify that _____ will be visiting the following colleges in the near future and that we are unable to visit them during a time when classes at New Hope-Solebury High School will not be held.

NOTE: ALL COLLEGE VISIT FORMS MUST HAVE AN EXCUSED ABSENCE FORM SIGNED BY ALL THE TEACHERS ATTACHED – OTHERWISE THE VISIT WILL BE UNEXCUSED!

List up to five (5) colleges:

Name of College: _____
Admissions Phone #: _____
Date(s) of Visit: _____

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**SUBMIT THIS FORM TO YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR
PRIOR TO YOUR ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL.**

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Guidance Counselor: _____

NEW HOPE-SOLEBURY HIGH SCHOOL
EXCUSED ABSENCE FORM

(Each student is allowed 7 approved family days and/or college visits per school year)

Student Name

Grade

Date(s) of Absence: _____

TEACHERS: Please sign on the appropriate space below indicating that you know the student will be absent on the above date(s) and you have reminded the student of his/her responsibility to make up all school work missed. This form is to be returned by the student to the High School main office no later than 24 hours prior to the initial day of the absence.

PERIOD

TEACHER SIGNATURE

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Principal's Signature

Date

Attendance: Number of excused family function absences taken
year-to-date: _____ of seven.

CAMPUS VISIT CHECKLIST

I. **CALL AHEAD (DON'T WRITE) AND ASK ABOUT:** (You may also be able to do this via the Internet)

- Appointment for interview
- Tour times and starting point
- Distance/directions
- Special accommodations
 - Food
 - Housing
 - Classes
- What to bring
- Information that can be mailed to you in advance

II. **PREPARE AN AGENDA**

- What do I need to know about the college?
 - List of questions
- What do I want the college to learn about me?
 - Resume
 - Transcript
 - Portfolio

III. **DURING YOUR VISIT YOU SHOULD ALLOW YOURSELF PLENTY OF TIME TO:**

- Take a tour
- Have an interview
- Sit in on a class
- Try the food
- Meet a professor
- Pick up information and application
- Stroll around the town and campus and browse through stores

IV. **AFTER THE VISIT**

- Make notes to refresh your memory later on (include names of admissions people you spoke with)
- Jot down lingering questions
- Thank you note

*Reference: Campus Pursuit; "How To Make the Most of the College Visit and Interview"
by Gary Ripple, Ph.D.; Headmaster; University Liggett School; 3rd Edition*

COMPARATIVE CHART OF FACTS AND IMPRESSIONS ABOUT COLLEGES

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| Name of College: | | |
| Admissions office phone number and contact name | | |
| Name of Interviewer | | |
| Type of school (4-year liberal arts, 2-year community college, etc.) | | |
| Test(s) required | | |
| Admission application deadline | | |
| Financial aid application deadline | | |
| Total annual expenses | | |
| Amount of financial aid available | | |
| <u>Total undergraduate enrollment:</u> Men Women | | |
| <u>Freshman class:</u> Number who applied Number who were accepted Number who enrolled My chances of admission | | |
| <u>Campus impressions:</u> Names of classes I attended Names of faculty members I met Types of social events I attended Names of students I met | | |

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QUESTIONS TO ASK THE COLLEGE

GENERAL INFORMATION

- ▶ How difficult is it to change majors in your senior year? How many students do it?
- ▶ What percentage of students who drop out return to your college to complete their degree?
- ▶ How many students will be in your freshman class this year?
- ▶ What is the average class size in the freshman year? Overall?
- ▶ What are the smallest class sizes? The largest?
- ▶ Are there televised classes?
- ▶ Do graduate students teach undergraduates?
- ▶ Do faculty members maintain office hours?
- ▶ Are students involved in the evaluation of instructors?
- ▶ What percentage of the faculty is tenured? What percent is part-time?
- ▶ Do professors have any policy on class attendance?
- ▶ How is registration handled?
- ▶ Are certain courses hard to get into? What percent?
- ▶ What is the farthest distance between academic buildings?
- ▶ Is there an honor code? Does it work?
- ▶ How are students advised about which courses to take?
- ▶ How far are you from the nearest airport? Train station? Bus?
- ▶ Do you provide transportation locally? To airports? Trains?
- ▶ How can I obtain crime statistics?
- ▶ Will I be admitted directly into my major?

DORM LIFE

- ▶ What percentage of students are housed on campus?
- ▶ What percent live off-campus? Commute from home?
- ▶ How many students are assigned to a room?
- ▶ Are the bathrooms public or private?
- ▶ Are there coed dorms? By floor? Wing? How?
- ▶ What services are provided in dorms? (Kitchens, laundry service, etc.)
- ▶ How are roommates chosen? Can I room with a friend?
- ▶ What if my roommate and I do not get along?
- ▶ Are freshmen required to be on campus? All in freshmen dorms?
- ▶ How does your resident advisor system function?
- ▶ Are rooms hard-wired for computers? Are there computer ports for each roommate?

FOOD SERVICE

- ▶ How many dining locations are available to students?
- ▶ Do you have your own food service or an outside caterer?
- ▶ Must I purchase a meal ticket? How many meals per week?
- ▶ Is there a salad bar? Choice of entrees?
- ▶ Are special diets (vegetarian, etc.) available?
- ▶ What about between meals and evening snacks?
- ▶ What is the average weight gain in the freshman year?

FINANCIAL AID

- ▶ Will applying for financial aid have any impact on admissions decisions?
- ▶ What costs does the college budget cover? Are transportation and personal expenses included?
- ▶ How is financial aid awarded to students?
- ▶ Is financial aid based on need? Based on merit?
- ▶ Are all students' needs met completely? If not, whose need is met?
- ▶ What happens after the freshman year?
- ▶ Do special groups (athletes, musicians, legacies, minority students) receive special treatment?
- ▶ What are the institution's policies regarding divorces/separated families?
- ▶ How many students receive financial aid? Scholarship aid?
- ▶ What are the financial aid procedures and deadlines? What forms must be submitted? What are the procedures for Early Decision applicants?
- ▶ When do students learn about their financial aid package? How and why might extensions be provided for the May 1 reply date?
- ▶ What employment opportunities are available for students not receiving financial aid?
- ▶ Does the institution have an installment payment plan? What other financing options are available?

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