

WA State GEAR UP **Grade-Level Campus Visit Benchmarks**

	7	8	9	10	11	12
Student Focus	Build College-Going Identity	Build College-Going Identity	Build College-Going Identity	College Exploration/Fit & Match	College Exploration/Fit & Match	College Selection/Enrollment
Goal:	 Visit one vocational program, one 2-year, and one 4-year school by the end of 10th grade. Allow students to see themselves as college material. Introduction & exposure to different types of colleges for students & families. Expand understanding of college culture. Explore clubs, organizations, & student life. Understand the relationship between college majors & careers. 				 Visit one postsecondary program or campus aligned with your career interest. Selection for best match & fit. Preparation for transitions. Understanding of entrance requirements & institutional aid. Encourage families to participate to help in college selection. 	 Visit the postsecondary program or campus aligned with applications & intentions. Preparation for transitions. Learn how to apply for college. Determine which schools best suit your needs.
Visit Could Include:	 Tour with a student ambassador. Interactive, perhaps connected to STEM Careers & curriculum. Focus on college life: Dining hall, social aspects. Visit arenas & stadiums. Scavenger hunt, trivia games, or other fun activities. A typical college tour for a group of seventh-grade students. 	 Information workshop on the difference between high school & college. Q&A with a college professor, staff members, &/or other campus representatives. Connect tour with student interests. Student panel. Multicultural affairs presentation on diversity in campus life. Use this opportunity to debunk common stereotypes. 	 Admissions presentation. Ideal time to visit "reach" colleges/universities. Student Life (clubs, organizations). Interview w/ faculty member(s). When setting up your visit, ask the campus how you to set up a panel of student leaders from the Student Government Association, fraternity or sorority executive boards, athletic teams or clubs, religious clubs, and other social groups 	 A focus on majors & careers. Visit with an Academic Advisor or the Career Center. Mock classroom experience with a professor. A presentation from the recruitment office staff about connecting majors to jobs. Students investigate whether the college has the major needed for their selected careers. If no, ask about available majors for that career cluster. 	 Ask the admissions office to provide a complete walk-through tour of campus, an information session about the college or program, and an overview of entrance requirements and academic requirements for securing scholarships offered by the campus. Ask the admissions office to explain remedial education and provide strategies for students to avoid taking remedial classes. Provide information on transferring. 	 Ask the admissions office to provide a complete campus tour, an information session about the college or program, and an overview of financial aid. Ask the college (in advance) if they offer an "apply on the spot" workshop, allowing students to submit applications to the college while on site. Ask the admissions office to provide a step-by-step overview of the steps to complete after applying to college. Ask for a tour of the residence halls if the institution offers them.