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June Spotlight: Summer Campus Visits

The summer between your junior and senior year is a great time to tour prospective college campuses and gather important information about which school may be the best fit for you. Touring your schools of interest allows you to get a feel for the campus, the students and the surrounding area. Check with the Office of Admission to schedule a campus visit and tour.



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Publication Feature Successful Campus Visits

Before scheduling your campus visit, use UCanGo2's *Making the Most of Campus Visits Guide* to help you along the way. This guide offers you a list and explanation of various offices on a college campus that you may wish to include in your tour. It also provides you with a checklist of activities you may want to take part in as well as questions to ask during your visit.

Virtual Campus Tours

Colleges, universities and career technology centers across the state invite you to visit their campuses virtually! Click the link below to virtually visit schools you are interested in attending.

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If you can't manage the time or resources to visit a college or career technology center in person, a lot of schools now offer virtual tours. Find a list of Oklahoma schools that offer virtual campus tours at OKcollegestart.org.

Resources

College Planning Tools

The closer you are to graduating from high school, the more you may start to wonder what to expect in college. Not only are there several things you need to do to prepare for college, you should also be aware of the many ways that college is different from high school. We offer *Your Transition to College*, a tool to help with this big change in your life.

YOUR TRANSITION TO COLLEGE

HOW TO SUCCEED IN YOUR NEXT BIG CHAPTER

Congratulations! You're almost finished with high school! If you plan to wait until after graduation to start thinking about college, you'd better think again. There are many important steps to take now if you plan to begin college in the fall.

TAKE THE ACT OR SAT.
Take the ACT or SAT at least once. Take free practice tests at OKcollegestart.org. To register for the next available test, visit ACT.org or [OKcollegestart.org](http://SAT.org.</p>
<p>CHOOSE A CAMPUS.
Narrow down your campus choices. Can't decide? Compare colleges at <a href=) or NCES.ed.gov/CollegeNavigator.

FIND FREE MONEY.
Apply for grants and scholarships. Many scholarship deadlines are early in your senior year, so do your research and apply for scholarships now. We encourage seniors to apply for 2-3 scholarships a week!
Remember to apply for scholarships each year you're in college. Eligibility criteria change and new programs are added every year. Visit UcanGo2.org and OKcollegestart.org to find numerous scholarship opportunities. Both sites offer a variety of scholarships by discipline and by category.
For some great application tips and a list of free scholarship search websites, check out the Scholarship Success Guide in the publications section at UcanGo2.org.

FINISH THE FAFSA.
Submit your FAFSA. Go to Studentaid.gov to complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid. You should complete your FAFSA as soon as possible after Oct. 1 of your senior year of high school and every year you need financial aid for college. Visit UcanGo2.org and Studentaid.gov to find helpful FAFSA completion tools and resources.

IN HIGH SCHOOL	IN COLLEGE
You have a planned out life.	You manage your own time.
Parents and teachers help you set priorities.	You set your own priorities.
You're often told what to do and corrected if you get out of line.	You're responsible for your actions and the consequences of your actions.
Classes usually have no more than 35 students.	Some classes may have hundreds of students.
You may study very little and learn just before a test.	For each hour of class time, you may need twice as much study time.
You read longer assignments that are disorganized and confusing in class.	You'll have large reading assignments, many of which won't be discussed in class.
Teachers provide information you missed when you were absent.	Professors expect you to get notes from your classmates when you're absent.
Teachers help you understand what's in the textbook.	Professors may not follow the textbook, and often lecture on other related topics.
Teachers write information on the board for you to copy into your notes.	Professors may only lecture. It's important to take accurate, organized notes.
You're reminded of assignments and due dates.	It's important to check each course syllabus for due dates and test dates.
You take several tests that cover small amounts of material.	You take fewer tests that cover large amounts of material.
You learn facts and skills, and you solve problems similar to those in your textbook.	You learn concepts. You're expected to apply what you've learned to new situations and solve new problems.

THE PERFECT 10 STUDY HABITS

Whether the school year has just begun or you're somewhere in the middle, you can start practicing good study habits right now. Here are some ways to help you improve your study time and your grades.

- Find the best place to study. You need a place with good lighting, which will reduce eyestrain and keep you from getting tired too fast. Some people need absolute quiet when they study; some need music in the background. The key is to have an area that allows you to see well, concentrate and spread out your books and papers so you can get organized. Find a desk, kitchen table or bed, and keep away from distractions like TV, cellphones or pets.
- Don't wait until the last minute. Study a little every night instead of cramming late the night before a test.
- Study more frequently, for shorter time periods. Four half-hour study sessions are much better than a single two-hour session.
- Begin study time with your most challenging subject. Start with your most difficult assignment since this is when you have the most mental energy. It may also require the most effort from you.
- Take a break. If you find you're losing concentration, get up and move around. Stretch or get a drink. You'll be more alert when you start studying again.
- Organize every class. Use a separate binder, folder or notebook for each of your classes. You need a place for notes, handouts and homework assignments for each class. Stuffing all of your papers together into one folder or inside your backpack is a sure way to misplace an important homework assignment.
- Get organized each night for the next day. Put all of your papers in their correct place and review your weekly calendar and goals.

Good study habits make for good grades. Good grades can help you get into a good college and increase your chances of winning scholarships to help you and your family cover the costs. If you're finding it difficult to keep your grades up, review *The Perfect 10 Study Habits*. Make it a goal to raise your grades, and talk to your parents and high school counselor to help execute a plan for improvement. Check out this publication for more helpful tips!



Last Word

College Comparisons

There are a lot of great schools to visit, either virtually or in person, and it might be hard to narrow down which ones you're most interested in. A great tool to help with this is the [OKcollegestart.org school comparison tool](https://okcollegestart.org/school-comparison-tool).

You can compare college and career technology centers across the state and nationwide through various factors to determine which one fits best with your vision for the future.

Good luck!

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