



BYHS College Planning and Placement

Preparing for the College Interview

Before the Interview

Do your homework:

1. Review the college's catalog and information in comprehensive college guides.
2. Look for recent newspaper or magazine articles about the college.
3. Talk to people with first-hand knowledge.

Plan your strategy:

4. What is your objective in the interview?
5. What information do you want from the interviewer?
6. What information do you want the interviewer to have about you?

Prepare and Practice:

7. It is perfectly acceptable to take notes *to* the interview and *at* the interview.
8. Ask someone to give you a practice interview.

Arrive on time and dress neatly:

9. Late is unforgivable, but too early can also be inconsiderate.
10. Neat, clean, polished, pressed, and combed, but not overdressed.

During the Interview

1. Do not sit until you are invited to. Sit up straight. Keep your hands away from your mouth.
2. Keeping the conversation moving is a shared responsibility. Give complete answers to questions. Try to avoid simple yes-or-no answers. Find opportunities to end your answers with a question of the interviewer.
3. Be yourself. If you do not know the answer to a question, say so.
4. It is normal for you to be nervous.
5. Do not argue religion or politics.

After the Interview

1. Get the interviewer's name and address (ask for a business card).
2. Write a personal thank you note *as soon as you get home*.

Questions You May Be Asked

1. What is your most important consideration in selecting a college?
2. Why do you think you would like to come to this college?
3. What could you contribute to our college?
4. What do you expect to get out of your college experience?
5. If a friend were to describe you in one word, what would that word be?
6. What are your best personality traits? Your worst?
7. Describe yourself as a person. (Tell me something about yourself.)
8. What events have been crucial in your life?
9. What is the biggest issue upon which you and your parents disagree?
10. What is the greatest challenge you have ever faced? How did you respond to it?
11. If you were principal of your school, what would you change?
12. Have you ever really disliked a teacher? Why? How did you handle the situation?
14. What person has had the greatest influence on you life? How?
15. What is the most important thing you have learned in high school?
16. What books (magazines, music, art, etc.) do you enjoy?
17. If you could talk to one person, living or dead, who would it be and why?