

## Washington State GEAR UP Grade-Level Campus Visit Benchmarks

Focus –	- Visit one vocational program, one 2-year & one 4-year school	Build College-Going Identity  - Visit one vocational program,	Build College-Going Identity	College Exploration/Fit &	College Exploration/Fit &	College Selection/Enrollment
_	one 2-year & one 4-year school	<ul> <li>Visit one vocational program.</li> </ul>		Match	Match	
	by the end of 9th grade.	one 2-year & one 4-year school by the end of 9th grade.	<ul> <li>Visit one vocational program, one 2-year &amp; one 4-year school by the end of 9th grade.</li> </ul>	Visit one postsecondary     program or campus that is     aligned with career interest.	<ul> <li>Visit one postsecondary program or campus that is aligned with career interest.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Visit the postsecondary program or campus aligned with applications &amp; intentions.</li> </ul>
<b>Goa</b>	<ul> <li>Introduction to college campuses.</li> <li>Demystify college.</li> <li>Make welcoming.</li> <li>Allow students to see themselves as college material.</li> <li>Introduction &amp; exposure to different types of colleges for students &amp; families.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Introduction to college campuses.</li> <li>Refine knowledge about college campuses.</li> <li>Debunk misconceptions.</li> <li>Introduction &amp; exposure to different types of colleges for students &amp; families.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Exposure to different types of colleges.</li> <li>Expand understanding of college culture.</li> <li>Explore clubs, organizations, &amp; student life.</li> <li>Introduction &amp; exposure to different types of colleges for students &amp; families.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Understand the relationship between college majors &amp; careers.</li> <li>Exposure to different types of colleges for students &amp; families.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Selection for best match &amp; fit.</li> <li>Preparation for transitions.</li> <li>Understanding of entrance requirements &amp; institutional aid.</li> <li>Encourage families to participate to help in college selection.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Preparation for transitions.</li> <li>Learn how to apply for college.</li> <li>Determine which schools best suits needs.</li> </ul>
d Include:	<ul> <li>Tour with student ambassador.</li> <li>Interactive, perhaps connected to STEM Careers &amp; curriculum.</li> <li>Focus on college life: Dining hall, social aspects.</li> <li>Visit arenas &amp; stadiums.</li> <li>Scavenger hunt, trivia games, or other fun activities.</li> <li>A typical college tour for a group of seventh grade students.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Information workshop on difference between high school &amp; college.</li> <li>Q&amp;A with a college professor, staff members, &amp;/or other campus representatives.</li> <li>Connect tour with student interests.</li> <li>Student panel.</li> <li>Multicultural affairs presentation on diversity in campus life.</li> <li>Use this opportunity to debunk common stereotypes.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Admissions presentation.</li> <li>Ideal time to visit "reach" colleges/universities.</li> <li>Student Life (clubs, organizations).</li> <li>Interview w/ faculty member(s).</li> <li>When setting up your visit, ask the campus how you can set up a panel of student leaders from the Student Government Association, fraternity or sorority executive boards, athletic teams or clubs, religious clubs, &amp; other social groups. The college students can present to the group, &amp; your students can ask questions about leadership in college.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>A focus on majors &amp; careers.</li> <li>Visit with an Academic Advisor or to the Career Center.</li> <li>Mock classroom experience with professor.</li> <li>A presentation from the recruitment office staff about connecting majors to jobs.</li> <li>Students investigate whether or not the college has the major needed for the five careers they previously selected.</li> <li>If the college doesn't cover a career on a student's list, encourage him or her to ask the recruitment officer about available majors for that career cluster.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ask for the admissions office to provide a complete walkthrough tour of campus, an information session about the college or program, &amp; an overview of entrance requirements &amp; academic requirements for securing scholarships offered by the campus.</li> <li>Ask the admissions office to explain the concept of remedial education &amp; provide strategies for students to avoid taking remedial classes.</li> <li>Provide information on transferring.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ask for the admissions office to provide a complete walkthrough tour of campus, an information session about the college or program, &amp; an overview of financial aid.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Ask the admissions office to provide a step-by-step overview of the steps to complete after applying to college.</li> <li>Ask for a tour of the residence halls, if the institution offers them.</li> </ul>