

**Coe-Brown Northwood Academy**  
**College or Military Visit Component for Senior Portfolio**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Getting out on to college campuses as a prospective student is an extremely important part of the college search process. Students who visit have a better idea of what will or won't work for them and tend to make a wiser choice for themselves. If joining the military is also a consideration, one meeting with a recruiter may also be used for this component.

**These visits may be made without preapproval during weekends, vacations or teacher workshop days. If you want to visit a college during a school day during senior or junior year, you must follow the procedure detailed on the back in order to have an excused day. That requires preapproval with your counselor.**

To fulfill this component, during junior and/or senior year you must visit three campuses (or more) and attend tours provided by the Admissions office, open houses and/or information sessions, have an interview, and/or attend classes and/or meet with pertinent coaches or professors. *Merely driving through the campus or going to drop off/pick-up a friend or sibling does not constitute a serious visit.*

College, University or Branch of Military Service	Please note actual date of visit and activities in which you participated.

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After visiting at least three of the schools on your list, please write up the results of your visits as follows:

1. Write at least one substantial paragraph on each school, summarizing what you noted about the school, its strengths and weaknesses relative to what you are seeking in your next educational step.
2. Write a concluding paragraph comparing and contrasting the schools and noting how they will or not fit in to your college application plan.

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This certifies that the student has met with me, reviewed what s/he discovered through the college visit process, and discussed its impact on his/her college list.

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School Counselor Signature

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Date

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## **COLLEGE VISITS**

### **Why visit?**

If you are making the biggest investment of your life to date and may spend up to four years there, it is very important to choose wisely.

In addition to the obvious concerns about whether or not a school has the classes, programs, or majors you think you're interested in, there are other factors to consider.

Will you feel more comfortable in the city, the country or the suburbs?

Is a very large school right for you, or would you feel more at home at a smaller one?

Do you feel compatible with the students you meet on campus?

### **What can you do on a visit?**

Attend Open Houses.

Tour, being sure to ask the current student who is your tour guide the inside scoop.

Attend group information sessions.

Have an interview if one is suggested or required.

Visit classes or speak with a professor in your potential major.

Meet with coaches if you are an athlete.

### **How do you arrange a visit?**

Information is posted on college websites under [Prospective Students](#) or [Admissions](#).

When in doubt, call directly to the Admissions office.

*Remember, for the most part you are the customer: colleges want to help you out!*

### **Excused Days from CBNA for College Visits**

If you cannot visit on the weekend or on holidays, to have [an excused day for a college visit during your junior and/or senior year](#):

1. PLAN AHEAD.
2. If it is a local college (UNH, NHTI, Great Bay, etc.), you will not need a whole day off to visit, except for in unusual circumstances.
3. *You must bring a note from a parent in advance or have them call or e-mail your counselor.*
4. See your School Counselor for the visiting form.
5. Turn in the Permission to Leave School form for Post-Graduate Planning to the main office *before* you leave.

### **Visiting as a Senior Portfolio Component**

Visits can "count" on a non-school day. You do not have to take a day off to do them!

We expect you to take part in some Admissions' Office events, as listed above. A drive through a campus does NOT equal a visit!