

Preparing For an Interview:

Going to a boarding school campus is a wonderful opportunity to not only learn more about the school, but also for the school to learn more about you! Remember that the goal of the time on campus is for both you and the school to explore being a good fit for one another. You want to present your best self that day - the school will be doing the same.

Take some time to "refresh" what you know about the school and think about why it is on your list.

Think about what you want to be sure the school learns about you.

Get a good night's sleep the day before and focus on what you are excited to learn about during your time on campus.

Dress nicely and neatly, like you would for a dress up day at school.

Look everyone in the eye and smile.

Offer your hand and your name when meeting new people.

Sit up straight when talking to school representatives. Try not to slouch and fidget.

Don't be afraid to ask a clarifying question or pause before you answer a question.

Try to relax. They want to get to know you!

After you leave the tour and interview, jot down some notes about your experience. Write down your tour guide's name and what you remember about them. Capture the best (and maybe the not so great) parts of the school. Think about what you may be excited about should you go there. You can write this in a journal or notebook or in a notes app on your phone. Not only will it help when you are making decisions in a few months, but it will also come in handy when you write essays for the school application.

20 Questions for Boarding School Interviews

1. What three adjectives would your best friend use to describe you?
2. What have you enjoyed most about your middle school years?
3. How have you grown or changed?
4. What activities have you found most satisfying?
5. What things do you do well? What are your talents?
6. What strengths would you most like to develop?
7. Have any of your courses challenged you? Which ones? How?
8. What achievements have given you satisfaction?
9. How do you respond to academic pressure or competition?
10. What would you change about your school if you had the chance?
11. What do you do for relaxation? For fun?
12. How do you define success?
13. How would you describe your family? Your community?
14. What do you want to accomplish in the years ahead?
15. What issues concern you?
16. Is there any book, article, or creative work that has had an impact on you?
17. Is there an author, activity, or field you've explored in depth?
18. Have you had any stimulating intellectual experiences recently?
19. How do you spend your summers?
20. If you had a year to do anything you wanted, what would you do?