



# How to make the most of a School Open House

Try to AVOID questions you can find answers to online or that are just too broad.

*"Where is your school located?"*

*"What are the academics like at your school?"*

Think of logistical issues. Research what you can online, and try to only ask questions you can't already find answers to on their website.

*"What are options for transportation?" (Keep in mind all HCPS schools including magnet will offer buses to students in specific residential zones. To verify this, check HCPS's website.)*

*"What time does school start and end?"*

*"Is there a uniform policy?"*



Think about what you want most for your student's high school experience. Including culture, student environment, and sports or clubs they're interested in.

*"What are some of the most active clubs on campus?"*

*"How active are FBLA, NHS, SGA, HOSA?"*

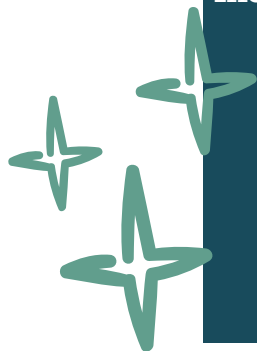
*"How successful are clubs like HOSA and FBLA at state competitions?"*

*"How active is your PTA? Is there a parent expectation to volunteer?"*

*"What are some of your favorite things about being a student/employee there?"*

*"How successful is the swim team?"*

*"How hard is it to make the soccer team?"*



Think about the challenges your student has faced and how those might arise at the potential school.

*"Do you offer tutoring? When is it and how do students take advantage?"*

*"How available are teachers for support? How responsive are they to e-mail or Canvas messages from parents?"*

*"What's the student body like? Do students generally get along?"*

*"What is discipline like at the school?"*



Think about results you might expect from a school. Ask what data they can share.

*"What percentage of your students end up going to a 4-year college?" How many of them get scholarships?" How many attend out-of-state or selective universities?"*

*"Do you ever hear from former students? What do they say about their high school experience?"*



In short, every student has different needs. Even siblings within the same family can have vastly different experiences in the same school environment. Think about what matters MOST to your family about your student's high school experience, and don't be afraid to ask questions about what matters most to you!