

## Family Virtual College Tour

In this lesson families will explore a college virtually and engage in a meaningful conversation about college. This lesson can be facilitated any time of the day.

**Time:** 25 - 30 Minutes

**Materials:** Loose-leaf paper, Pencils, Computer, Laptop, Tablet or Phone with internet access

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<p><b>Ice Breaker</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>6 Min</b></p>	<p><b>Directions</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To start, take turns answering the following questions:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Student:</b> Discuss why you want to go to college?</li> <li><b>Family Member:</b> Share one reason why you are excited for your student to go to college?</li> </ol> </li> <li>Next, each person takes a sheet of loose-leaf paper and a pencil.</li> <li>Working separately, illustrate your ideal college. If you do not want to draw, you may also describe your ideal college in words. Include at least four college categories that are most important to you, <i>for example:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Size:</b> Do you prefer a small, medium, or large college?</li> <li>➤ <b>Location:</b> Would you prefer to stay in New York City or go away to school?</li> <li>➤ <b>Major:</b> What would you like to study most in college?</li> <li>➤ <b>Extracurricular activities:</b> Which sport(s) or club(s) would you like to join?</li> </ul> </li> <li>Share your ideal college with one another.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Loose-Leaf Paper</b></li> <li>❖ <b>Pencils</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Virtual College Tour</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>10 Min</b></p>	<p><b>Directions</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The following websites offer virtual college tours. Click on each link to explore the websites together.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">YouVisit</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">CampusTours</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">eCampusTours</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>Using the virtual college tour website you liked most, review the virtual college tours offered.</li> <li>Select a college that best fits your interest.</li> <li>Next, review the college information and facts before starting the virtual college tour.</li> <li>Click on the virtual college tour - <b>please note tours are available in other languages.</b></li> <li>As you tour the college virtually, write down any highlights that stick out or questions you might have on your loose-leaf paper.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Computer, laptop, tablet or mobile phone with Internet access</b></li> <li>❖ <b>Pencils</b></li> <li>❖ <b>Loose-Leaf Paper</b></li> </ul>

<p><b>Trivia Challenge</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>5 Min</b></p>	<p><b>Directions</b>          Let's see how much information you retained from your virtual college tour.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Turn your note sheet over.</li> <li>2. Set a 1-minute timer on your device.</li> <li>3. Each person will answer the following questions before time runs out.</li> <li>4. When time is up, take turns reading your answers. If the answer is correct, give yourself a point. If not, go back to the tour and find the correct answer.</li> <li>5. The person with the most points wins!</li> <li>6. Remember eyes on your on paper- Ready, Set, Go!</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Questions</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ What is the name of the college?</li> <li>➤ Where is the college located?</li> <li>➤ Is this a public or private college?</li> <li>➤ Name one major (program) the college offers?</li> <li>➤ Name the building where you would go to eat?</li> <li>➤ Name one thing you can do on campus?</li> <li>➤ Name one thing you can do today to prepare to attend this college?</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. After completing the virtual college tour and testing your knowledge, go back to your ideal college drawing or list, add any new information or categories you would like your college to have.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Pencils</b></li> <li>❖ <b>Loose-Leaf Paper</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Reflection Activity</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>4 Min</b></p>	<p><b>Directions</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To conclude, share your reflections by answering the following question.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Name one thing you learned about the college you toured?</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Next, look at the affirmations below. Affirmations are positive words or statements. Each participant should pick an affirmation that you like most. If you cannot find one that you like, create your own.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ I/We can do this!</li> <li>➤ We believe in you.</li> <li>➤ I/We will not give up!</li> <li>➤ I am enough!</li> <li>➤ I am courageous</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Share why you chose this affirmation. Write the affirmation down and place it where everyone can see it.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Pencil</b></li> <li>❖ <b>Loose leaf Paper</b></li> </ul>