



THE INTERVIEW

Do's and Don't

Whether you're interviewing with a prospective employer or a college admission officer (some private schools require an interview), there are some things to remember about interviewing.

DON'T chew gum, leave your cell phone on, or be late!! You know the drill. Use common sense and put your best foot forward.

DO remember your manners.

DO be clean and dress neatly and conservatively.

DO put forth a friendly smile and a willingness to share information about yourself.

DO be yourself. The interviewer will very likely be wanting to interact with the real you.

Do speak with energy and enthusiasm.

DO try to relax as much as you can. It's natural to be somewhat nervous, but you don't want to come across as a bundle of nerves.

DO speak in full sentences!

DO be prepared to ask good questions. Take some on a note card, if you like. It shows you are coming in prepared.

DO send a thank-you note after your interview is over!

The following questions are common in college admission interviews. Some of them are common in job interviews also:

- What attracts you to our school?
- What characteristics of a college are most important to you?
- What was your best job, class, or vacation ever?
- How do you see yourself 10 years from now?
- During your free time, what are you most likely to do?
- Tell me a little about yourself.
- What about yourself do you want our admissions team to remember most?
- What is the most recent book you've read?
- What ways to you have of earning money for college?
- What have you done in your life that has required a great deal of patience and persistence, and how did you handle that situation?
- What have you done in your school or your community that you are most proud of?
- Do you have any definite plans/goals for the future, and how do we fit into those plans?
- If you could live your high school years over, what would you do differently? The same?