

Questions to Ask on Campus

Here are a few questions for you to ask as you visit various places on campus. To think of other questions you might want to ask, sit down and imagine your perfect campus. What questions would help you find this place? Also brainstorm with trusted people in your life who know you well. What do they want you to ask? This list assumes you are African American and have a disability, but you could easily adjust this for any identity, being Deaf, different religions, etc. Also know that you do not have to disclose your disability to ANYONE except disability services.



EXAMPLES OF QUESTIONS

Is this campus welcoming for students who have disabilities? And students who are African American? In what ways?

What percentage of students have disabilities? What percentage are African American?

Are there very many disabled and/or African American professors on campus?

How much experience does the disability services staff have with students who have my type of disability?

If I need tutoring, can disability services help me get access to the tutoring centers on campus?

Do computers in the computer labs have the access features, equipment or software I need?

If I need a therapist, equipment repair, medical care, a personal care attendant, etc. can disability services assist?

Can I register early for classes due to my disability?

Will you help me communicate with professors about my disability? Or assist if problems come up?

Are there cultural centers on campus for African American students? Is it accessible to me?

Show disability services a list of accommodations you got in high school. Find out if you can get them in college.

If your faith is important to you, find out if the religious programming on campus is accessible to you.



What Will Disability Services Need?

Disability services officials will not look for you—they will expect you to go to them and register for services. They'll want to know about you, including interests, hobbies, and career plans, and they'll ask how your disability will affect your life in college, in classes, dorms, and activities. They will ask if you have any "disability documentation" like a doctor's report, a copy of your special education IEP or 504 Plan, a psychologist's report, or other test results. Get new reports or documentation while you're in high school and it's paid by the school district or covered under your parents' insurance.