

# TAKING CHARGE OF YOUR CAMPUS HOUSING TOUR



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## STEP ONE: PREPARE FOR YOUR TOUR

### Find a supportive adult to take with you.

Some examples: Foster Parent, Mentor, CASA, Caseworker, Education Specialist, Ris4Thursday Campus Advocate

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Why should you take someone?

- They can ask questions.
- They bring another set of ears.
- They can help you carry all the campus swag.

### Check out their website and answer these questions for each:

- The cost of options you like
- Access to parking
- Food options nearby
- Campus location
- Your dealbreakers

### What are housing dealbreakers?

Some examples:

- Is smoking allowed?
- Number of roommates?
- Do you have to share a bathroom?
- How far is the walk around campus?
- Is there cooking space?
- What is the visiting policy?
- Are there quiet hours?

## STEP TWO: TAKE FOR YOUR TOUR

### What you should look at:

- More than one housing option (Include your #1 choice)
- Laundry
- Common areas
- Housing services
- Food options

### What you should ask:

- Do furniture/appliances come in any rooms?
- What additional furniture/supplies are allowed?
- What does security look like at the dorm?
- What is a Resident Advisor or R.A.?
- When does housing close on school breaks?
- Can you stay over breaks?
  - If so, does it cost extra?
  - Is there anything open when it's closed, like food?
- When can you move in/move out?
- How does the school assign roommates?
- Are there coed housing options?
- Freshman requirements to live on campus?
  - Are there expectations?

### Recommendations from alumni:

- Speak up for what you want to see.
- Always follow up with your supportive adult.
- Be present. This is going to be your home, and you want it to be the right fit.
- Do not leave without all your questions being answered.

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