

Student Members of the Visiting Committee

Students may serve as members of Visiting Committees, providing additional and clear insight into both what and how students are learning. Here students will find answers to what appear to be the big questions. When in doubt, student members should check with the Visiting Committee chairperson.

What will my writing assignment be? Your assignment will be the same as all other member of the committee. This means you'll have perhaps some responsibility for Chapters 1, 2, 3, or 5 (depending on the Chairperson), and certainly responsibility for one or more of the criteria responses in Chapter 4 of the Visiting Committee Report. You may also have some responsibility for conducting one or more meetings during the visit with students.

What's the dress code? Dress slightly more formally than what you would select to attend school at your home school. Good fitting jeans are acceptable. For men, a shirt and tie (but no coat) is appropriate for the Sunday meeting and Wednesday presentation.

What about expenses? Your expenses are covered by the school. However, you may need some money along the way for incidentals prior to being reimbursed. Your chairperson is working out the details with school personnel and will let you know what to expect.

How should I address other members of the Visiting Committee? Ask your chairperson, but the most often you should follow the lead of other committee members. This means first names! You may find this difficult, as your colleagues are also just like teachers and administrators in your home school or district. Do what's most comfortable for you!

Will I have my own hotel room? Yes. All members of the Visiting Committee stay in single person hotel rooms. Bring an alarm clock and don't forget that the hotel likely has a wake-up call service. Do you need both?

Will I need my own car? Most often Visiting Committee members carpool to the school on Sunday-Tuesday. All of the VC members who brought their own cars will drive them to the school on Wednesday. This means, if you can get to the starting point (hotel or school) on Sunday and get home from the school on Wednesday, you don't need your own car. Check with the Chairperson to understand how this might work. Some students get a ride from home to the school (Sunday) and back home (Wednesday) with a VC member who lives nearby.

Is there anything else I or my family needs to know? Perhaps. You should feel comfortable asking questions of your chairperson. You may wish to ask the chairperson to speak with your parents.