

Visiting Houghton Academy: Logistical Considerations

We are pleased to have visitors on campus as our firm belief is that a campus visit is the best way to learn about a school. When making plans to come, visitors should be aware that Houghton Academy is located about 75 miles (120 km) distant from either Rochester, NY or Buffalo, NY.

Because there is no public transportation that can be used to get from the airport to the school, the following transportation options are available for visitors who are flying to Buffalo or Rochester:

1. Rent a car at the airport. Airport rentals are convenient and afford you the flexibility to come and go as you please. As Buffalo is not far from Niagara Falls, you may also wish to plan for a visit this famous site. Many people who rent a car enjoy the security of adding GPS to their rental. We can provide detailed driving directions.
2. Contact the school a week in advance to arrange for a school driver to pick you up and drop you off. We are happy to do this, but we need ample notice. A \$50 fee is required for your round-trip transportation from and to the airport. (See number 5, below.)

As you make your plans to visit, please keep these ideas in mind:

1. The best time of year to visit is when students are on campus. We can show you around any time, but a visitor to school will get the best sense of the spirit and personality of the school when school is in session.
2. A campus tour and town tour usually takes about 2 hours minimum. Answering questions, sharing a meal, and more detailed exploration can take longer.
3. If the timing of your visit coincides with a mealtime in the cafeteria, you are welcome to join us for a complimentary meal.
4. Student visitors are encouraged to spend a day in school, shadowing a student. A day long visit usually requires an overnight stay before or after.
5. If you wish to accomplish your visit in just one day, and if you are arriving in the airport, please allow 2 hours to get from the airport to Houghton, 2 hours for a visit, and 2 hours to get back to the airport. One-day visits usually require an early arrival in the airport and a late departure. The shortest workable schedule looks something like this:

Arrive Buffalo/Niagara International Airport	09:00
Arrive Houghton Academy	11:00
Depart Houghton Academy	13:30
Arrive BNIA for domestic departure	15:15
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6. Visits between November and March may encounter snowy weather; flights may be delayed and travel times on the highway may increase. Please allow more time between flights.
7. Both Buffalo/Niagara International Airport and Rochester International Airport are small and easy to navigate.
8. The only hotel in Houghton is the Inn at Houghton Creek (www.innathoughtoncreek.com). It is very nice but also very small, so please make a reservation in advance of your arrival.