



Advice and Guidelines for School Visits

Teachers, please note:

- School groups should enter the museum on the north side by the outdoor sculpture court, access ramp, and gift shop.
- Divide your students into groups, each with at least one adult, before you enter the museum. For docent-guided tours, you will receive instructions on how many groups to form.
- Provide students with name tags. These are especially helpful on docent-guided tours.
- Students are welcome to eat lunch outside in the courtyard or on the Park Avenue blocks. Groups can also walk to the food court at the PSU Smith Memorial Student Union (1825 SW Broadway).

Students:

- Be excited and curious about the artwork, but please do not touch. Allow about 12 inches between your body and the art. Help us protect the art for future generations to enjoy.
- Photography without flash is allowed throughout the Museum except where indicated. Please be sure to turn off your flash as bright lights can damage the artwork.
- Food, drink, and large bags are not allowed in the galleries. Please leave these items on the storage shelves at the Museum entrance or (when available) in the Kinney Room on the lower level.
- Please use only pencils in the galleries.
- We recommend hard-backed notebooks or clipboards for writing assignments. It is fine to place paper or notebooks on the floor for writing, but please do not use the gallery walls for support.
- Be considerate of other Museum guests and allow space to other groups you may encounter.

Chaperones:

- Stay with your student group and support the behavioral guidelines above during both self-guided and docent-guided visits. We request a 1:10 adult to student ratio for docent-guided tours and a 1:6 ratio for self-guided tours.
- Chaperones have free admission up to the 1:6 ratio for both self- and docent-guided tours. Beyond that, you will be asked to pay admission, unless there are special circumstances. Teachers, para educators, and aides have free admission.

Contact tours@pam.org or 503-276-4265 with questions, special requests, or cancellations.

Thank you for bringing your students to the Portland Art Museum!