

Guided Visit FAQ 2026 – 27

When are Guided visits available?

Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:15 and 11:30, during the school year, except during breaks and holidays. This year's calendar is October 7 - December 18, 2026, and January

How many students can I bring?

We can accommodate up to 60 students and 12 adults per tour time. Please provide at least one teacher/chaperone for every 10 students for K-8 groups.

Who facilitates the visit?

Learning Guides are paid, college students and recent graduates who are trained by PAM staff to facilitate K-12 student experiences in the Museum. They attend Lewis and Clark College, Portland State University, and Reed College.

What will the visit include?

Guides engage small groups of students in interactive, student-centered experiences with art. Your students will practice close looking and visual analysis, self-reflection and critical thinking, listening and sharing ideas through discussion and activities such as sketching, writing, and movement. Guides are trained in Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS) in addition to other methods. Guided visits may include time in any current exhibition. Please let us know your preferences and we will do our best to accommodate.

How long is the visit?

We recommend a **60-minute Guided** visit for most groups, but can provide a briefer experience.

- 60 minutes = welcome, VTS discussion, activities (such as sketching, writing, tableau, movement), and stops in more than one exhibition. Option to stay for self-guided time afterwards.
- 15 - 20 minutes = welcome + VTS discussion of one work, followed by self-guided time

How should I prepare my students?

- Please share [this video in English](#) or in [Spanish](#) with students and chaperones and review the [Museum Agreements and Expectations](#).
- **Divide students into groups** of 6 - 12 students before you enter the Museum.
- Before your visit, introduce the exhibitions through resources on the [exhibition webpages](#) and the [Poster Project](#).
- Please have your students wear nametags, if school policy permits.

Make your group reservation on the [K-12 Visit webpage](#).

Questions? Write to groups@pam.org.

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