

Visit Guidelines for Schools

Academic Year 2016-2017

The
Nelson-Atkins
Museum
of Art

GETTING TO THE MUSEUM

4525 Oak Street
Kansas City, MO 64111
816-751-1ART

SCHOOL BUS DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Please use drop-off and entrance points for School Tours, Studio Workshops, Community Programs, and New Dimensions by entering the one-way, circular drive off of 45th Street between Oak and Rockhill Road. See map below with circled entrances. All groups should enter and exit through the designated doors.

School Tours (Docent and Teacher-Led): Enter the museum through the Bloch Building Plaza Entrance. For security purposes, it is important that Teacher-Led groups check in with the door officer upon arrival. A museum staff member will greet Docent-Led Tours.

Studio Workshops: Enter the museum through the Nelson-Atkins' Building North Entrance.



PARKING

Buses: Bus parking is limited to designated areas on Oak Street.

Vans and Public Vehicles: Parking is available in the museum garage Wednesday through Friday for a fee of \$10 per vehicle. Limited free parking is available in the northeast parking lot and on the west side of Oak Street.

NOTE: Parking is **NOT** available in the Museum garage on Tuesdays

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE:

- Prepare nametags for students and chaperones.
- Have an adequate number of chaperones for your group. *One adult chaperone for every 10 students is required.* Please note that new school tours are highly participatory, and chaperones take an active role in the facilitation of and participation in gallery activities.
- Divide your students into groups of no more than 15. This effort will facilitate the process of assigning students to classrooms and/or groups once they arrive at the museum.
- Download *Classroom Connections* from our website for enriching pre-visit activities that highlight State and Common Core Standards for each of our tours and workshops.
- Review museum manners with your students.

MUSEUM MANNERS

- Wear nametags during your museum visit so docents and instructors can engage you in discussion.
- Even clean hands leave oils behind. Please keep a safe distance between you and the works of art.
- Use pencils while in the museum. No pens allowed in the galleries.
- Backpacks, bags or purses larger than 12" x 16" x 5" must be checked at the Bloch Lobby Coat Check. *It is suggested to leave coats, backpacks, and bags on the bus.*
- Food, drink, candy and gum are not permitted in the galleries.
- Stay with your guide or chaperone.
- Photography is welcome in the permanent collection galleries.
- Please turn your cell phone to vibrate.
- Be respectful and considerate of others.
- Arrive on time. School tours and workshops will not be extended due to late arrivals.
- If you are a teacher-led group, please avoid galleries where docent-led tours or workshops are present.

LUNCH

- Due to construction and installation of the Marion and Henry Bloch Collection, reserved inside lunch spots are unavailable. School groups may bring sack lunches and picnic on the grounds of the Donald J. Hall Sculpture Park, but alternate arrangements for inclement weather cannot be guaranteed.
- Rozzelle Court Restaurant offers \$8.50 box lunches for school groups. Those ordering lunches through the restaurant will be permitted to eat inside of Rozzelle Court. Orders must be placed two weeks in advance. Email events@nelson-atkins.org to learn more.

SPECIAL NEEDS/ACCESSIBILITY

The museum's galleries are accessible to students with disabilities. Please notify the museum at the time you sign-up if you have any students with special needs. Giving advance notice will make the visit more enjoyable for all.

ARTWORK CONTENT

The museum's collection includes original objects from all over the world. The various cultures represented express themselves in many ways. Please prepare students for the contingency of sensitive issues (nudity, politics, etc.) before arriving at the museum.

MUSEUM STORE

The Museum Store welcomes visitors. If your student group wishes to visit the store, please make sure that they are accompanied by chaperones.

MORE QUESTIONS?

School Tours | tours@nelson-atkins.org

Studio Workshops | studioworkshops@nelson-atkins.org