## The Museum of Modern Art

## **Department of Education**

## **Tips for Chaperones:**

We appreciate the commitment and care chaperoning requires. Chaperones are key participants in making students' visits to the Museum as successful as possible. We hope the chaperoning experience is useful and enjoyable not just for students and teachers but for chaperones as well.

- Review the museum rules with students on the bus or trip to the Museum.
- Keep students engaged in a quiet and orderly manner while they are waiting for their tour to get started.
- Check in with your teacher about what your chaperoning responsibilities are, including the plan for after the tour.
- Help maintain an orderly line of students when walking through the galleries. Make sure an adult is assigned to watch the front and back of the line.
- Offer to visit the restrooms with students before or after the tour.
- Help remind students of appropriate museum behavior during the tour, such as no touching or running.
- Assist museum staff and the teachers in returning belongings to students at the end of the visit.
- Keep an eye on students who veer too close to the artworks, especially when sitting down or getting up in front of an object. Students and adults should be at least an arm's length away from works.
- Enjoy your chaperoning experience! Sit back and listen to the class' conversation. Ask students follow-up questions on the ride back to school about what they found especially interesting or intriguing about the visit.

## Key facts:

The Education and Research Building lobby entrance is located at 4 West Fifty-fourth Street between Fifth and Sixth avenues (closer to Fifth), and should not be confused with the Museum's main entrance, which is located halfway down the block.

Classes can make their way back to the Education and Research Building lobby via the second-floor corridor next to the café, or through the Sculpture Garden, if it is open.

Restrooms are located on the Mezzanine level at the bottoms of the stairs in the Education and Research Building lobby and on every floor by the escalators.

Unfortunately, the Museum does not provide lunch facilities for school groups, but a short list of public atriums and parks is available upon request at check-in and online at <a href="http://moma.org/docs/learn/publiclunch\_moma.pdf">http://moma.org/docs/learn/publiclunch\_moma.pdf</a>.