

School Programs FAQs



Booking

How do I book a tour?

To book a tour, please fill out our School Visits Form. A member of our Groups and Tours department will be in touch to schedule your visit.

Once your visit is booked, a learning specialist will contact you to learn more about your students and your goals. It is important to reply promptly so we have time to create a tour tailored to your students' needs.

If you are an administrator or are booking for multiple classes, please be sure we also have the contact information for classroom teachers so we can communicate directly with them.

How many students can go on the trip?

The number varies depending on the time slot, but at full capacity we can serve 85 students at a time. Your students will be broken up into smaller groups of up to 17 for the tour.

Capacity is determined by our availability, so it is best to book as soon as possible.

How many adults can I bring?

You can bring up to three adults per group of 17 students. If more adults want to attend, we can offer them a discounted ticket rate and they can explore the Museum independently during opening hours.

If you require additional adults for access needs, please talk to your learning specialist and we will make a plan to best support your students.

What are chaperone responsibilities?

Chaperones are responsible for supporting group management. They should feel comfortable communicating with students. Chaperones must stay with the group at all times.

Do I have to pick one of your themes?

Yes! Our themes are designed to create a lens through which students can experience our massive collection. Teaching thematically allows us to make connections between artworks and students' own knowledge and experience.

Once a tour is booked, a learning specialist will reach out to learn about your goals and objectives and help create connections to the learning in your classroom. They can support you in choosing the theme that best fits your needs.

To learn more about our themes download our [theme brochure](#).

Logistics

Where do I enter the Museum?

You will enter at the Cullman Education Center, at [4 West 54th Street](#). Note that this is not the main entrance to the Museum.

How long is the visit ?

A guided visit is 60 minutes for grades K–3rd and 75 minutes for grades 4–12.

Can I explore galleries on my own?

You are welcome to independently explore the galleries before or after your guided tour during open hours, 10:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. If you would like your learning specialist to dismiss your group in the galleries, let us know. Otherwise we will dismiss groups in our education center.

How early should I arrive?

We recommend arriving 15 minutes early to allow time to check in and use the restrooms. Tours will start promptly at their scheduled time. To prevent overcrowding in our lobby, please do not arrive earlier than 15 minutes before your start time.

What if I am running late?

It's ok! We understand the struggles of midtown traffic. If you are running late, please call Groups and Tours at (212) 708-9685 so we can plan how to best adapt your tour for the remaining time. Your tour is subject to change. We are not able to extend the end time of tours due to our busy tour schedule.

Where can I eat lunch?

Unfortunately we do not have facilities on site for groups to eat their lunches. You can check out our [list of recommended indoor and outdoor public spaces](#) in our neighborhood.

Can I make a special request?

Please share your learning objectives and goals for the visit so we can work to craft your semi-customized tour. You are welcome to share specific artwork requests with a learning specialist, but we are unable to guarantee specific artworks will be included.

How can I prepare my students?

We have created a social narrative to help prepare students for their visit. [Download our PDF to share the story with your students.](#)

During the visit

Who will lead my students?

Our learning specialist cohort is a group of highly trained museum educators who design and lead MoMA's school visits. Learning specialists provide inclusive, inquiry-based teaching with a focus on the power of art and artists to effect individual and social transformation.

How do you teach?

MoMA learning specialists craft interactive experiences that spark curiosity and excitement. We encourage young learners to ask questions, explore bold ideas, and uncover answers through active teaching methods, hands-on art making, and lively interactive activities.

Through asking open-ended questions, known as inquiry-based teaching, we foster curiosity, engagement, and deeper understanding. MoMA learning specialists go beyond presenting information. They inspire students to uncover knowledge on their own, encouraging critical thinking and problem-solving.

How many works will I see?

Our tours are interactive and we spend time in front of artworks, allowing students to respond through various modalities, such as conversation and activities. Learning specialists will guide your students from observation to inference to interpretation. In order to make time for meaningful experiences we usually stop at three works of art. However, your group will pass by countless works of art during the tour. You are always welcome to stay after the tour to continue exploring

Will my students see the same thing?

All of your students will experience a tour that aligns with your goals, but due to timing and capacities in certain parts of the Museum we cannot guarantee they will

all see the same things. After the visit, a learning specialist will share the list of artworks viewed by your group(s). We hope the conversations continue in the classroom and students can share their unique experiences with each other.

Can I request particular artworks?

You can share specific artwork requests with a learning specialist, but we are unable to guarantee specific artworks will be included on a tour. We are careful to be sure all artworks on the tour meet learning objectives and are connected to the theme.

We are unable to teach from *The Starry Night* and other popular works of art when the Museum is open to the public. You are welcome to visit these pieces independently after your guided tour, or book a tour before the Museum opens, in our 9:30 or 10:00 a.m. slots.

Do I need to bring my own materials?

Our learning specialists have you covered. We create customized activities and worksheets to fit the theme of your tour. We will provide all materials needed during the tour, please do not bring your own.

After the visit

How can I build on my MoMA experience in my classroom?

After your visit a learning specialist will reach out with a list of works you saw during your tour so you can continue the conversations back in the classroom.

How can I learn more about teaching with works of art?

If you want to learn more about how to incorporate art into your classroom teaching, MoMA has many resources designed specifically for teachers.

[Learn about MoMA's history](#)

[View MoMA's collection online](#)

[Explore lessons that inspire your students to look at, talk about, and make art](#)

[Take free online courses, including three designed specifically for teachers](#)

Sign up for our teachers newsletter to stay in the know about upcoming professional development workshops, which are offered throughout the year.

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