



School Group Visit Guide

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Important Reminders for Guided and Self-Guided Visits

- Give your bus driver the directions in the Getting Here section below.
- Communicate any necessary accommodations to your Barnes educator; let us know about any adaptations that would enhance your visit, including topics to include.
- Share the information in this guide with your students and chaperones.
- Arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled tour or lunch time, with name tags on if possible.
- Bring one adult for every 10 students for pre-K and kindergarten, and one adult for every 15 students for first grade and up.
- Divide your students and chaperones into groups ahead of arrival, as specified in your reminder email. Chaperones must stay with their group throughout the visit.
- Be prepared to pass through a security scanner and to store all coats and bags in the bins provided for your group.
- If your group is running late, email schoolprograms@barnesfoundation.org or text or call 215.278.7308. Tours may be shortened due to late arrival.
- Have a great time!

Getting Here

Our bus drop-off is located on Pennsylvania Avenue between 20th and 21st Streets; navigate to **2024 Pennsylvania Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19130**. The City of Philadelphia does NOT allow buses to park on city streets. The Callowhill Bus Center is the designated parking location for buses visiting the Barnes.

The bus will drop you off on the street outside the Barnes. For safety, groups must stay with their chaperones and follow the pathway leading to the main entrance—**do not walk through the parking lot**. Teachers should lead their groups through the entry doors and tell security they are here for a school visit. There will be other guests in this area. Please be respectful by not running or yelling.

The Barnes is also within walking distance of

several public transportation stops, including the SEPTA #7, #32, #33, #38, #48, and #49 bus routes. Paid street and on-site parking are first come, first served. Learn more at barnesfoundation.org/plan-your-visit.



Bags and Backpacks

Please avoid bringing coats (weather permitting) and large bags unless necessary for medical reasons. Upon entry, all visitors will walk through a security scanner, and all bags will be inspected. Our educators will help with this process and guide you to the Annenberg Court, where you will store coats and bags in the bins provided and begin your tour. No coats or bags are allowed in the galleries.

Chaperones may borrow clear plastic bags from our coat check to hold valuables or store their belongings in lockers on the lower Level.



Security must check all emergency medical bags and mark them with a sticker. Please present any bags holding medical supplies to security as soon as you enter the building.

Entering the Galleries

You will gather in the Annenberg Court to meet your guide, who will provide an overview of the Barnes and our visitor rules. Food, drinks, and gum are not allowed in the galleries.

GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS

- Please be respectful by speaking at an appropriate volume and moving slowly in the galleries.
- Look closely at the art but stay behind the dark line on the floor. Don't touch paintings, frames, furniture, or ironwork.
- Stay with your guide and chaperone. Students may not move through the galleries unescorted.
- Put your phone away during guided tours. No flash, tripods, or selfie sticks allowed.
- During self-guided tours, notetaking and sketching are permitted with graphite pencils and notebooks no larger than 9 x 12 inches.

GUIDELINES FOR CHAPERONES

- Stay with your group for the entire visit. Chaperones are responsible for escorting students to the restrooms and into and out of the building. Ask your guide for restroom locations and emergency exits.
- Stay off your cell phone and keep your attention focused on your students. Phone conversations are not permitted in the galleries.
- Help us protect the art. Make sure you and your students stay behind the dark line on the floor and try to keep students in the center of the room.
- Keep food, drinks, and gum out of the galleries, classrooms, and auditorium.
- We do not permit lectures or tours by anyone other than Barnes staff.

Lunch Information

If you have reserved our lunchroom, we will help you locate the space. If you do not have a space reserved, your group may eat lunch outside (weather permitting) on the benches by the fountain at 20th and the Parkway, or in the Rodin Sculpture Garden across 21st Street.

There are restaurants and other food options

within walking distance, including Whole Foods Market, which has a buffet area. You can find more dining options near the Barnes using sites such as TripAdvisor.

Self-Guiding Suggestions

Students on guided tours at the Barnes must leave the building after their scheduled tour ends; immediate pickup is required unless previous arrangements have been made with the School Programs team. High school students (8th grade and up) may self-tour in our galleries if they have arranged for self-tour tickets in advance. Younger students are not permitted to self-tour.

RESOURCES

- View our educator-created resources designed to extend your students' learning and engagement at barnesfoundation.org/school-programs/teacher-resources, including information about Barnes Focus (our mobile gallery guide), scavenger hunts, and more.
- View artworks in the collection and download or request images to prepare for your visit at collection.barnesfoundation.org. After you find an image, scroll down the information page to select "Download Image" or "Request Image" (if additional permission is necessary). From this page, you can also view the artwork's entire wall ensemble and find visually similar images in the collection.
- Try our mobile guide, Barnes Focus. Connect to our free Wi-Fi (BarnesPublic) and navigate to barnesfoc.us on your smartphone's browser. Use your phone's camera to focus on a work of art and instantly receive information about the piece. Barnes Focus can translate descriptions into multiple languages.



Accommodations

Our entire facility is accessible to standard-size wheelchairs. Because of the small size of the collection galleries, some larger mobility devices may not be accommodated in all rooms. A limited number of wheelchairs are available on-site.

Breastfeeding is welcome wherever the parent is comfortable. Bottles and other types of feeding are not allowed in the galleries.

Quiet space is available for students who need time or space away from the galleries to contemplate, absorb, or de-stress.

Ask your Barnes educator about these accommodations or any others you may need.

After Your Visit

- Check your email for a short survey about your visit and free return visit passes for you and your students! Please take a minute to complete the survey to let us know what your students enjoyed and where you think we can improve.
- Continue learning! Utilize our resources in your classroom, including lesson plans, art activities, and state-of-the-art virtual learning videos.
- Join the Teacher Advisory Board, participate in a professional development workshop, or take a class with Act 48 credits. Learn more at barnesfoundation.org/school-programs/professional-development.

Contact US

Please reach out to **schoolprograms@barnesfoundation.org** or call or text **215.278.7308** with any questions.

