

# Museum Manners

*Things to Review with Your Students and Chaperones*

- While at the Museum students should extend all courtesies of the classroom. Common sense rules such as talking only one at a time, raising hands to be called upon, and using indoor voices are all appropriate behavior when touring the Museum. You might want to brainstorm about appropriate behavior when visiting a museum. Often, students have great ideas about how to best enjoy their visit.
- Help the Museum protect the collection by not touching the artifacts. While we encourage careful visual examination of objects, in order to protect our collections we cannot allow touching or picking up of objects or leaning or sitting on the displayed furniture. Even the cleanest hands leave fingerprints that can leave oils, salts, and acids that can damage these delicate surfaces.
- Respect your fellow students and the other people visiting the Museum by using indoor voices. The Museum galleries can get noisy if too many people are talking loudly at the same time.
- Raise your hand when you have a question or comment rather than shouting out. This allows everyone to get the chance to be heard.
- Finish all food and drink (including water bottles) before entering the Museum galleries to avoid stains and spills. We also want to avoid crumbs that might attract bugs and mice.
- There is to be no running or jumping outside or inside the Museum. This will help keep you and the Museum objects safe.
- Please leave all cell phones and iPods turned off during your visit to the Museum. Video games, mp3 players and other electronics are not allowed on the tour. Chaperones are asked to turn off or put on vibrate all cell phones during the tour/program. If you must take a call please excuse yourself to another room to take the call.
- Stay with your group to avoid getting lost. During your visit, student groups will move between the Museum galleries.
- Please no photography in the Museum. Light will fade the textiles and paintings and will eventually destroy the artifacts. Teachers may take photographs of the tour in action for documentation as long as no flash is used.
- Students MUST remain with chaperones and tour guides at all times.
- Backpacks, large bags and heavy coats should be left on the bus.
- The elevator is to be used by the visually or physically impaired only.