



# My Art Institute Field Trip





Today I am going to the Art Institute on a field trip.

My class will take a school bus from my school to the museum. The bus will drop us off at the Art Institute student entrance, and I will go with my class into the museum.



When we get inside, I will go with my whole class to a room, and we will meet a museum staff member who will help us put our coats and backpacks into a bin.

One of the museum's rules is that we cannot take backpacks, coats, or any food into areas with works of art.



When we get to our room, we will also meet one of the museum educators. A museum educator is an Art Institute teacher who leads school groups in the museum.

A museum educator will wear an ID badge from the Art Institute.



Our class might be divided into smaller groups to go on our tour. I will remember to stay with the group to which I am assigned.

When we leave the room, we may stop to get a stool to use on the tour.



This is how I carry the stool.



After we pick up any stools we might want on the tour, we will walk down a hallway, passing by many other rooms and areas for making art. We will keep walking until we get to the galleries.



When I enter the galleries, I may see a security guard. There are security guards throughout the museum. They keep the works of art and people visiting the museum safe.

I can recognize security guards by their uniforms. Security guards can help to answer any questions I might have.





When I am on my field trip, I will remember to stay with my class.

I might go up or down stairs or elevators with my class to get to different places in the museum.



The Art Institute is a very big museum.

There are many hallways and rooms (galleries) where there are many, many works of art from all over the world. Some of the rooms are very large, and some are small.

Works of art are paintings and statues and other objects.

On our tour, we cannot stop at every work of art because there are so many.



In the galleries, I will keep my hands to myself and enjoy the art with my eyes only. I might hear a high-pitched sound if I get too close to the art. This is a reminder to move a little farther away.

I can bring a sketchbook and pencil with me into the galleries. I can also take pictures of the art with my phone, making sure my flash is turned off first.



When my group gets to a work of art, the museum educator will ask us to sit on our stools or on the floor. The museum educator will ask questions about what I see or notice.

I will raise my hand to answer the museum educator's questions or to ask my own questions.



Before we leave, I might go with my class to the Gathering Hall to play with the magnets on the wall and think about the things I saw today.



When our field trip is over, my teacher will lead me and my class back to the room where we stored our coats and backpacks so we can grab them before we leave.

We might also stop to use the bathrooms near the student entrance.



When we are ready to leave, my teacher will lead me and my class back outside and onto our bus that will take us back to school.



We hope you have fun on your Art Institute field trip!