

# SCHOOL GROUP VISIT INFORMATIONAL PACKET

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## WHO WE ARE

Oklahoma Contemporary is an inclusive center for the arts where people of all ages and backgrounds can experience art, encounter new ideas and ignite their creative potential. Through art exhibitions, performances, public programs, community-building initiatives, outdoor installations and special events, we create opportunities for everyone to come together in celebration of contemporary culture and artistic expression. With year-round classes and camps across multiple disciplines, the arts center's education programs encourage youth and adults to learn new skills and express their ideas across a variety of media.

Oklahoma Contemporary's spectacular new arts center is on a 4.6-acre campus at NW 11th and Broadway in Oklahoma City. Our 8,000 square feet of gallery space, along with classroom studios, performance spaces, community lounge, café and outdoor spaces, ensure that there will always be something new to see and experience. Oklahoma Contemporary is your arts center. Admission to exhibitions is always free. YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.



## WHY VISIT?

School Group Visits enhance critical-thinking skills, empathy and curiosity about art, culture and the world. A School Group Visit strengthens areas of school curriculum from observation, analysis and problem solving to vocabulary-building, reading and writing. We are committed to fostering a positive learning environment that values thoughtful questioning, recognizes mistakes as learning opportunities and encourages open dialogue. All schools will receive a free gallery tour along with an art-making experience. Oklahoma City Public Schools will receive transportation (busing) reimbursement.

## ARRIVE READY TO LEARN

### Educators | Chaperones

- Visits require a 1:10 ratio for chaperones.
- Arrive 10 minutes before your scheduled visit time. If you are running late, call 405.951.000 to let a staff member know your estimated time of arrival.
- Arrive at the museum with or before students.

- Accompany any student who requires personal/medical assistance or needs to use the restroom.
- Remain behind the group while moving between spaces.
- **Be in the moment. Refrain from talking with fellow chaperones or focusing on cell phones.**
- Read the *How to be a Chaperone* one-pager for more helpful information.

### Students

- **Before arrival, students should have on a NAME TAG and be divided into GROUPS OF 10.**
- Don't bring what you don't need. Backpacks are not allowed in galleries and studios. We will provide a large bin for coats, lunches and other personal belongings.
- In the event of disruptive behavior, we ask that educators/chaperones resolve the situation with support from the Gallery Guide.

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## ARTS CENTER MANNERS

You are welcome here, and we are going to have a meaningful experience together! There are just a few things we would like you to keep in mind. We encourage active learning, observation and dialogue in our galleries and studios. Please be mindful of other visitors in the arts center and follow guidelines manners below.

*Educators and chaperones: Please share these guidelines with your group prior to the visit so everyone understands the importance of protecting the art. This extra step is especially important for those who may be visiting a museum or arts center for the first time.*

### Read the list below out loud to your group before you visit.

- Do not touch any works of art. When we look at art together, we stay at least two arms' lengths away to make sure the art is safe.
- During your visit, you may see staff or guards in uniform. They have a very important job: to protect the artwork. They will remind us of these manners if we forget.
- When we want to look at a work of art or if we want to rest, we can sit on the floor or on a bench together. We should not lean against walls or display cases.
- When we talk inside the arts center, we need to use our inside voices.
- When we are looking at art in the galleries, we need to stay together.
- Remember to walk, not run, in the arts center.
- If we want to take a break for a snack, we can go outside. Food and drinks are not allowed in the galleries, studios or classrooms.
- If you need to use the restroom, notify an adult and they will walk with you to the closest restroom.