



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS SCHOOL AND GROUP VISITS

1. Is my group guaranteed a docent or tour guide?

If you request a docent for your visit we will do our best to provide one. Our docents are volunteers and are unable to provide tours for every group that places a request. The American Visionary Art Museum is designed to be self-guided. If we are cannot provide a docent for your visit, we have provided extensive wall text, scavenger hunts for students and information about our artists available at kiosks throughout the galleries.

2. Can my group do a workshop?

A workshop can be scheduled in advance through our School Groups Coordinator (410.244.1900 ext. 216 or groupvisits@avam.org). Workshops are scheduled on a first-come, first-serve basis. It is best to plan ahead. It costs \$2 extra to do a workshop except if your school is Title One. Workshops must be scheduled at least 2 weeks in advance of your group's visit.

3. Are workshops available for groups on the weekend?

At this time workshops for school groups are available Tuesday-Friday, 10am-5pm. Workshops must be scheduled in advance. The American Visionary Art Museum often has special events and adult workshops on the weekends. Be sure to check www.avam.org to see a full schedule of upcoming workshops and events.

4. Is there a place for my group to eat?

Weather permitting, we recommend bringing a picnic and blankets to eat on Federal Hill. At this time we do not have a place for students to eat at the museum. We are within walking distance of the Inner Harbor and Federal Hill.

5. Is there any place close by that we can eat?

AVAM recommends our 3rd floor restaurant, Mr. Rain's Funhouse (<http://www.mrrainsfunhouse.com/>, 443.524.7379), or any of the local restaurants in the Federal Hill Area (right around Light Street, Charles Street and Cross Street).

6. Do I need to schedule my group in advance?

Yes, we request that we have final confirmation for your group at least two weeks in advance. You can schedule your visit with our School Groups Coordinator at 410.244.1900 ext.216 or groupvisits@avam.org

7. How do I know that my group is confirmed?

You should receive a packet in the mail with a confirmation letter. Please bring this letter with you on the day of your visit.

8. Is AVAM wheelchair accessible?

Yes, all of our galleries and buildings are wheelchair accessible.

9. How many students can I bring to the museum?

You can bring up to 100 students to the museum at one time. If you would like to bring students to the museum for a workshop we recommend 10-60 students. The maximum amount of students in a workshop at one time is 30 students. You can bring a group of 60 students, half of the group can participate in the workshop and half can be visiting the museum. Then the groups can switch places. If you have more than 60 students, they will not all be able to participate in a workshop on one visit.

10. How many chaperones do I need to provide for my group?

You need at least one chaperone for every ten students. If your group is younger than 8 years old you will need one chaperone for every five students. Please refer to our flyer **HOW TO BE A VISIONARY CHAPERONE** for more information.

11. Does AVAM provide money or transportation for my students?

Unfortunately, at this time AVAM does not provide money or transportation for students to come to AVAM.

12. My school is Title One; can we come to the museum for free?

Yes, AVAM is free for Title One schools including workshops.

13. How long should I plan for my tour and workshop?

You know your group best, but we have found that groups usually need about one hour to visit the museum and we schedule workshops to be about one hour.

14. What happens if I am running late for my tour or workshop?

Please call the front desk (410.244.1900) and let them know if you are running late. If you have a workshop scheduled and you are more than 15 minutes late we may not be able to accommodate you, as there is a chance we will have other workshops scheduled on that day. We will do our best to be flexible, but we do ask that you do your best to communicate with us and to be on time.