



HOW TO BE A VISIONARY CHAPERONE

The American Visionary Art Museum and your students are depending on you to make your class trip safe, memorable and fun. Here are some tips to help make the most of your trip.

Each chaperone should have NO MORE than 10 students in each group. If your students are eight-years-old or younger than you should have no more than 5 students in your group.

- **REVIEW THE MUSEUM GUIDELINES WITH YOUR GROUP (AND ENFORCE THEM)**
The American Visionary Art Museum is an overwhelming visual delight, but we still have delicate artwork that we all need to take care of. Please review the museum guidelines with your group and make sure that everyone follows the rules to keep our artwork safe. If your group is not able to follow the museum guidelines or tour the museum without being respectful to other visitors, you may be asked to leave.
- **BE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR GROUP**
Please make sure your students stay with you, it is easy to get distracted and wander off at the museum. It is your responsibility for your group to stay together (even in the gift shop and outside).
- **ENCOURAGE THE STUDENTS TO SLOW DOWN AND REALLY LOOK CLOSELY AT THE ARTWORK.**
We know that students are so excited to be on a field trip, but we also want them to remember some of what they saw at the museum. Have your students examine what they are seeing and to stop and read about the artists. We have so many unusual materials and amazing stories that you want to make sure they don't miss anything.
- **BE A MODEL FOR YOUR STUDENTS' BEHAVIOR**
Show your students how to follow the Museum Guidelines with leading by example.
- **HELP THE MUSEUM STAFF**
AVAM has a small staff of hard-working individuals. Please help us to emphasize rules, lend a hand during a workshop and answer student's basic questions. There will be one or two museum staff to help with workshops. When it comes to hot glue and sewing, we need your help! Feel free to jump in and help students with their projects.
- **RESPECT THE GIFT SHOP**
Sideshow, our visionary gift shop, is a museum within itself. Please attend to and observe your group while they enjoy the gift shop. Remind your group to be respectful of the staff and other patrons.