

Yakima Valley Museum Field Trip Guidelines

Thank you for bringing your field trip to the Yakima Valley Museum! We're so excited for the opportunity to share our stories with you. Before you visit, please take a few minutes to review these guidelines with your students and chaperones so we can ensure everyone has a safe, positive experience here at the museum.

Students

Our museum has an extensive collection of artifacts on display. To keep both the artifacts and our visitors safe, we ask that all students please:

- **Walk** while in the museum.
- **Use inside voices.** The museum remains open for other visitors even during a tour, and it's important we speak quietly so everyone can have a positive experience.
- **Keep food and drinks out of the museum exhibits,** since spills can damage artifacts and create hazards for other visitors.
- **Touch only those artifacts that are painted blue OR pointed out by the tour guide.** These artifacts are considered safe to touch; all other artifacts may either be dangerous or easily damaged.
- **Listen to the tour guide(s).** They have a lot of helpful information, but they also know how to keep everyone safe during their time in the museum.

Chaperones

Upon request, field trips will receive tour guides to lead them around the museum. Their job is to provide each group with information about the museum; we look to teachers and chaperones to support student safety and learning by monitoring students and addressing behavior as needed. As such, we ask that all chaperones:

- **Stay with their group at all times.** Chaperones are an essential part of the museum tour experience, and it's important that they stay with their group to help monitor safety and behavior. We understand that there are many interesting exhibits here in the museum, so we always encourage return visits to explore more independently!
- **Remain attentive to students' behavior.** If students are running, wandering from the group, touching artifacts without permission, or making inappropriate comments, this can endanger students, their learning, and the museum's artifacts. Please address this behavior as needed so guides can focus on providing an enjoyable, educational experience for the group.

Thank you again for planning your field trip at the Yakima Valley Museum! We look forward to seeing you soon.