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Home School Policies

Field Trips:

Individual

- Individual families from Illinois with fewer than 15 students receive free general admission Monday through Friday except during holiday periods. Parents receive free general admission as well.
- No advance reservations are required.
- You will be asked to fill out a free admission slip at the ticket counter.
- Omnimax movies, tours and special exhibits requiring an additional ticket are not offered at a discounted rate for individuals.

Group

- An Illinois home school group of 15 or more students will receive free general admission to the Museum and regular school group discounts for Omnimax movies and special exhibits.
- Advance reservations and payment are required.
- One contact person from your group should make a reservation online at www.msichicago.org or by calling (773) 684-1414. Please know the number of children in your group, whether you are interested in a Learning Lab, Omnimax movie or special exhibit, preferred dates and times and lunch plans.

Learning Labs:

Individual

- Individual home school students can sign up for special Learning Labs. Visit www.msichicago.org/education/field-trips/learning-labs/home-school-learning-labs/ for dates and times.
- Advance payment of \$15 per student is required.
- Call (773) 684-1414 to reserve a spot. There is a maximum of 20 students, and reservations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Note: Meet at the Information Desk on Main Level 2, near the top of the escalators, 15 minutes before your scheduled lab.

Group

- Group Learning Labs are offered during the regular school year from September to June.
- There is a minimum of 15 students and a maximum of 30 students per lab.
- Each lab is \$100 (or \$120 for special labs) for the entire group.
- Appropriate grade levels for each lab are listed on our website and Learning Lab Guides.
- Schedule a Learning Lab by making a reservation online or by calling (773) 684-1414. Have several dates in mind. Learning Labs must be booked at least one month in advance.

Lab Etiquette

- Parents and siblings are encouraged to walk around the Museum during the lab. The instructor will inform parents to report back to the lab five minutes before it is over.

- Please raise your hand if you wish to speak and remain quiet while instructor or other classmates are talking.
- Follow all directions and respect lab equipment.
- Have fun!

Arrival

- Plan to arrive at the Museum at least 30 minutes before any scheduled program.
- An individual or group who is pre-registered for a Learning Lab must meet at the Information Desk on Main Level 2 15 minutes before your scheduled lab.
- Parking is available in our convenient, underground garage. The entrance is located at the northwest corner of our building. You also can reach the Museum by public transportation. Learn more at www.msichicago.org.

Frequently Asked Questions

Does the free admission include out-of-state home school students?

No, free admission is offered to Illinois home school students only. This is in line with the Museum's policy of offering free admission to Illinois school groups.

Are home school policies and programs offered during summer months and holidays?

Home school individuals and groups can receive free admission on weekdays all year long, including summer, except during holiday periods. Learning Labs are offered during the regular school year from September to June.

If a parent or chaperone is a Museum member, does he or she have to pay the chaperone fee?

No. Just show your membership card and you will receive free general admission.

Do home school students need to verify they are home schooled in anyway?

No, you do not need identification of any kind. However, anyone not registered as a group with 15 more students will be asked to fill out a free admission slip at the ticket counter.

Does the Museum offer any programs or lab experiences for home school students?

Individual home school students can sign up for special Learning Labs. There also are daily Live Science Experiences available for all Museum guests. To see what is offered, visit the "plan your visit" section at www.msichicago.org prior to your visit. When you arrive, check out the Live Science Experiences schedule on the Museum map.

If I am an individual family or group who is coming to the Museum for any reason, where do I park?

Parking is available in our convenient, underground garage at the northwest corner of our building.

Where do home school families and groups eat lunch?

If you are part of a pre-registered group, your group can reserve a lunch time in the student cafeteria. Anyone can eat in the Brain Food Court located on Lower Level 1.

Are there any evening or overnight programs offered at the Museum?

Home school groups of 10 or more may participate in the Snoozeum overnight program. Museum members can participate in the Member Camp In and Member's Open House.

Questions: Contact Dustin Axe at (773) 684-9844 Ext. 3132 or dustin.axe@msichicago.org with questions about home school policies or Learning Lab content.