

K–12 School Groups at

Make Galveston Arts Center part of your school year! GAC welcomes all school-age learners. We invite you to request either a guided visit led by trained museum educators and volunteers or a self-guided visit, which allows you to lead your own students through the exhibits. **Please note that appointments are required for ALL school groups visiting Galveston Arts Center.**

Guided-visit appointments can be made no less than **three** weeks in advance of the requested visit date, and self-guided-visit appointments can be made no less than **two** weeks in advance. A separate form must be submitted for each visit, and we will do our best to accommodate your request(s). However, your visit is **not confirmed** until you have received a confirmation letter by email.



Before submitting your request, please consult your school's administration and calendar regarding bus maintenance days, testing days, school holidays, and half days. When selecting date and time preferences for your visit, please consider approximate travel time from your school, as well as any guidelines your school may have regarding bus departure and return times.

Guided Visits

Guided tours offer amazing opportunities for your students to make the most of their encounters with contemporary art exhibitions at Galveston Arts Center! Museum educators and trained volunteers engage students in lively, inquiry-based conversations that strengthen curriculum connections and encourage important skills like critical thinking and evidence-based reasoning. Feel free to continue exploring the galleries with your students on your own after the tour!

Guided tours at Galveston Arts Center are exhibition-based, with one to three exhibitions featured per tour. See attached schedule of exhibitions for the coming year.

While every tour is unique, guided visits at GAC align with a range of state and national learning standards, including the following Common Core Anchor Standards:

- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.R.1: Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.SL.1: Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

Guided visits are offered and recommended for students who are at or above first-grade level and last about an hour. Groups are free to explore the Museum on their own after the tour.

Group Size

Guided group tours at Galveston Arts Center may have no fewer than ten students and no more than fifty students, with one chaperone required for every ten students. Groups larger than twenty-five will need to split into smaller groups before entering the upstairs galleries.

Advance reservations are required for all groups of ten or more students. Galveston Arts Center opens to the public at 11:00AM on week days if no prior tour arrangements have been made.

Self-Guided Visits

Visit Schedule

Guided tours are available the last two weeks in April, the month of May, the last two weeks in September and the month of October, Monday through Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.–4:15 p.m. Schools may request to plan a visit outside of these months, but Galveston Arts Center may not be able to accommodate these requests. **Please note that appointments are required for ALL school groups visiting Galveston Arts Center.**

K–12 Studio Art Workshops in the Studio Classroom



Think like an artist! This new offer pairs sixty minutes of in-gallery deep looking and inquiry with a forty-five minute art-making experience in Galveston Arts Center's Studio Classroom. After exploring and discussing different works of art in the galleries, students create their own unique creations to take home. ***All materials and supplies are provided by GAC.***

Creative challenges encourage problem solving and critical thinking.

- Studio Art Workshops can accommodate a **maximum of 24 students**.
- Appointments for Art Workshops must be made at least 6 weeks in advance.
- Each student may make one art project. Chaperones and teachers are asked to monitor students during the activity.
- Optional: Students may stay to eat their own brown bag lunches for up to thirty minutes afterward.

School Tours at Galveston Arts Center are made possible by the charitable giving from foundations and individual donors.

Teachers and their students may explore our exhibitions independently. **Please note that self-guided visits also require appointments.** Please be aware that lectures may not be suitable for larger groups in the upstairs exhibitions due to space constraints.

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Visit Schedule

Self-guided appointments are available seven days a week (Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m.–4:15 p.m., Saturday 11:30 a.m.–4:15 p.m. and Sunday 12:30–4:15 p.m.)

Trip Tips for Educators

- Setting clear expectations. Establish rules before you enter the gallery.
- When possible, select large works of art with plenty of space around them for your group to gather
- Repeat or paraphrase students' comments as needed to ensure that everyone can hear.
- Use a theme or essential question to help students focus their looking and thinking.
- Since they cannot touch the art, consider bringing your own sample items that students can touch to better explore unfamiliar materials or objects featured in the exhibit.
- Have students explore the gallery and find works of art on their own that they think are interesting and ask them to compare it to something you spoke about earlier or in the classroom.