

# Nasher Sculpture Center

## School Visit Information and Policy Guide

### For Guided Tours

- Guided tours must be reserved at least 3 weeks in advance in order to receive free admission. Tours are not considered reserved until the contact person receives a confirmation e-mail.
- Please organize students into equally-sized groups before the tour so we may assign guides and begin on time.
- On the day of the tour, please have an accurate count of your group.
- Personal items may not be brought into the Center. We recommend leaving backpacks, cell phones, lunches, chewing gum, drinks and water bottles in your vehicle or bus. We will provide a bin to store coats and umbrellas if weather conditions require them.
- Guided tours are 60 minutes long.
  - If your group arrives late, the tour will be shortened accordingly, to finish at the originally designated time.
  - If your group arrives more than 30 minutes late your tour will be canceled.
- 10 am tours begin before the Center opens. We will open the doors at 10 am exactly.



### For Self-Guided Visits

- Self-guided visits must be reserved at least 3 weeks in advance in order to receive free admission. **Tours are not considered reserved until the contact person receives a confirmation e-mail.**
  - School groups that visit with less than 3 weeks' notice must pay admission; these reduced tickets can be paid upon arrival 10 minutes before the visit begins. See our website for admission prices at [www.nashersculpturecenter.org/visit](http://www.nashersculpturecenter.org/visit).
- Self-guided visits are available beginning at 11 am.
- Please have your students wait outside while the group leader enters the Center to check in at the Visitor's Desk.
- Provide an accurate count of your group during check-in.
- Personal items may not be brought into the Center. We recommend leaving backpacks, cell phones, lunches, chewing gum, drinks and water bottles in your vehicle or bus. We will provide a bin to store coats and umbrellas if weather conditions require them.



For any special educational requests, concerns or answers to particular tour questions, please call 214.242.5184 or email Lynda Wilbur, Manager of Tour Programs, at [lwilbur@nashersculpturecenter.org](mailto:lwilbur@nashersculpturecenter.org)

## Chaperones

- For K-8<sup>th</sup> grade students, please provide one adult chaperone for every 5 students.
- For high school students, please provide one adult chaperone for every 10 students.
- Self-guided tours must divide into chaperone-led units of 1 chaperone to 5 students for K-8<sup>th</sup> grade and 1 chaperone to 10 for high school students.
- Groups without the proper number of chaperones will be asked to reschedule their visit.

## Homeschool Chaperone and Admission Policy

- Homeschool groups receive free admission for students and the required number of chaperones for tours booked at least 3 weeks in advance.
- Because homeschool groups sometimes have more chaperones attend than the required number (see “Chaperones” above), free admission is only offered to chaperones up to the required number. Additional chaperones must pay admission.
- Example: A homeschool group of 30 children in Kindergarten through 4th Grade are scheduled 3 weeks in advance to visit.
  - In accordance with the 1 adult per 5 children ratio indicated above, 6 adults would be required and would receive free admission.
  - If 10 adults attend, four of those adults must pay admission.

## Lunch and Dining

- School groups may not eat their lunches on site, neither inside nor outside.
- Alternative locations include Klyde Warren Park and the sculpture garden of the Dallas Museum of Art.  
*(Please note: the DMA requires advance reservations.)*



# Nasher Sculpture Center

## Policies, Guidelines, and Miscellaneous Notes

- Please do not touch the works of art or the interior walls of the Center. Encourage your students to experience the sculptures by moving around the works, while being aware of their surroundings.
- If students are unusually disruptive or appear likely to damage a work of art, they will be asked to leave the Center.
- Be aware of the volume of your voice. Speak so your group can hear, while being courteous to other visitors sharing your space at the Center.
- Please remind your students to walk, not run, both inside and outside. Have your students treat the garden as a part of the museum. (While our garden is not a formal or delicate space, be aware that it is not a public park or playground.)
- Adult chaperones are requested to constantly observe students in their group and help enforce Center guidelines.
- Student groups are not allowed in the Nasher Store without permission from the shop staff.
- Chewing gum, bottled water, food and drinks of any kind are not allowed. Students must discard these items into the trash upon entry.
- Guides cannot accommodate any type of class assignment during a tour. (Examples: worksheets, sketching, writing, and scavenger hunts.) Please allow additional time after your tour for these activities.
- Sketching with pencil, crayon, pastel and charcoal is permitted throughout the Center and in most special exhibitions. However, the use of ink, fountain pen, felt tip, ballpoint, watercolor, acrylic or oil is prohibited.
  - If students will be writing or sketching, they must bring a hard surface to write on (clipboard, notebook, etc.). The walls, glass or pedestals may not be used as a writing surface.
  - While sketching, please do not hinder the normal traffic flow in the galleries. If galleries are crowded, museum personnel may ask visitors to move.
  - Groups that would like to sketch at the Center must be led by an instructor and must make an appointment with Lynda Wilbur ([lwilbur@nashersculpturecenter.org](mailto:lwilbur@nashersculpturecenter.org) or 214.242.5184) three weeks prior to their visit.
  - When there is limited space in the galleries, groups may need to sketch in the garden, depending on the size of the group.
- Photography and videotaping is permitted in the Center for personal use only. We ask that you turn off the flash and refrain from using lamps, tripods or selfie sticks. Some special exhibitions may not allow photography, so please ask at the front desk for specific photography restrictions.

# Nasher Sculpture Center

## Map and Directions



### Location

The Nasher Sculpture Center is located at 2001 Flora Street in the Dallas Arts District, adjacent to the Dallas Museum of Art.

### Parking

Buses may drop off and pick up students at the Flora Street entrance of the Center. Bus parking is available on Harwood St. adjacent to the DMA between Woodall Rogers and Flora.

Limited underground parking is available at the DMA parking garage for a flat rate, or in pay lots near the Center. These lots are not owned by the Nasher Sculpture Center and rates vary.

### Entering the Center

The entrance to the Nasher Sculpture Center faces Flora Street.





# Teacher Checklist

## Before Your Visit

- ☐ Please inform Lynda Wilbur at [lwilbur@nashersculpturecenter.org](mailto:lwilbur@nashersculpturecenter.org) of any special needs or concerns your group may have. With advance request, the Nasher can make available wheelchairs and sensory aids.
- ☐ Divide students into equally-sized groups with the appropriate number of chaperones.
- ☐ Remind students of appropriate museum behavior:
  - Do not touch the works of art.
  - Please remember to walk, not run, both inside and outside.
  - Be aware of the volume of your voice. Speak so your group can hear you, while being courteous to other visitors sharing your space at the Center.
- ☐ Leave personal items on the bus, including the following items:
  - Backpacks
  - Food and drinks
  - Cellphones

## Pre-Visit Resources

We look forward to seeing you at the Nasher! Plan your visit and prepare your students using the resources below. Visit our website: [www.nashersculpturecenter.org/learn/resources](http://www.nashersculpturecenter.org/learn/resources)

- [Art Cards](#) for self-guided visits (PDF)
- Self-guided visit [Map Worksheet](#) (PDF)
- Self-guided visit [Scavenger Hunt Worksheet](#) (PDF)
- Self-guided visit [Sketching Activity Worksheet](#) (PDF)
- [The Nasher Story slideshow](#) (PowerPoint)
- [Collection Highlights for Elementary Students slideshow](#) (PowerPoint)
- [Collection Highlights for Secondary Students slideshow](#) (PowerPoint)

