

ART BRINGS TOLEDO TOGETHER



SCHOOL TOUR GUIDE



The Toledo Museum of Art is dedicated to working with teachers and students for a variety of learning experiences. Use this guide to learn more about our framework for learning, and how a gallery experience connects with your classroom curriculum.

The Toledo Museum of Art offers a variety of gallery experiences for K-12 students: docent-led tours provide groups engaging, inquiry-based experiences in Museum galleries and self-guided visits allow students to explore on their own.

Programs and tour themes are subject to change.

Current Exhibitions

Visit our website toledomuseum.org/art/exhibitions for the most up to date exhibition schedule.

Our Approach

Your students will build skills and connect with standards. K–12 experiences support Ohio's New Learning Standards in Fine Arts, English Language Arts, Social Studies, and Science & Math, as well as fosters the development of the four C's of 21st-century learning: critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity. Students will make connections between classroom learning and the Museum experience, exercise their creative and analytical skills.

TMA's collection has expanded over its 120 years to span more than 5,000 years of art from six continents. But the Museum's 30,000 artworks and current gallery installation convey a narrative built around Enlightenment ideas that uncritically accept underlying Eurocentric biases. The Toledo Museum of Art seeks to broaden that narrative with and through the addition of exceptional works of art from cultures and makers that contribute to an inclusive and global art history. By broadening the scope of the works displayed and the way in which we interpret them, we seek to insure that our community will see themselves represented and will engage with art that helps to expand their world view.

What to expect

We believe less is more. Tours focus on approximately five works of art. This focused approach gives students time to develop observation skills and critical thinking. At the Toledo Museum of Art, the journey to understanding the visual world begins with slow looking and observation.

We recognize that people learn differently. We engage students through a range of learning strategies, including open-ended and guided questions, conversation, small group activities, drawing, and writing.

Customize your Museum experience

Enhance your curriculum and deepen your students' learning with curriculum-based experiences that are tailored to the specific needs of each class. Coordinate a series of visits to explore relevant topics to achieve learning goals.



ELEMENTARY AND INTERMEDIATE GRADES (K-5)

Kindergarten

Art of Reading + Studio

60 Minutes (with an optional 30 minute studio extension)

Learn the vocabulary of art: lines, shapes, color, and texture. Participate in gallery-based activities and story time connected with the chosen theme.

Limit 50 students per visit.

Grades K-2

Art of Seeing Art: Learning to Look

60 Minutes

Develop close looking skills by observing and describing the Elements of Art.

Creatures Great and Small

60 Minutes

Explore the importance of animals, real and imaginary, in art from various cultures.

Paintagories

60 Minutes

Discover that paintings—like books, movies, and music—can be categorized in a variety of ways.

Grades 3-5

Art of Seeing Art: The Language of Art

60 Minutes

Using the Elements of Art and the Principles of Design as vocabulary, unlock the meaning of images.

Art Tells a Story

60 Minutes

Identify the roles of plot, character, setting, and sequence as applied by visual artists. Use writing prompts and gallery activities to tell a story about a work of art.

Sculpture: All Around

60 Minutes

Explore objects and materials used to make 3D art. Weather permitting; tour can include outdoor works in the Georgia and David K. Welles Sculpture Garden.

Grades 5-8

Wordshop

90 Minutes

Practice writing and increase vocabulary by practicing in gallery-based writing activities. The Wordshop experience includes a pre-visit activity and post-visit materials to extend learning.

Wordshop is funded by the
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MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL GRADES (6–12)

Grades 6–8

Art of Seeing Art: The Language of Art

60 Minutes

Using the Elements of Art and the Principles of Design as vocabulary, unlock the meaning of images.

Molten Magic

90 Minutes

Learn how different cultures throughout history have made and used glass. Explore the galleries in the Glass Pavilion and see a glassblowing demonstration; tour and demonstration are 45 minutes each.

Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday mornings.

Limit 50 students.

Grades 6–8

Picturing History

60 Minutes or 90 Minutes

Examine the art of the past to learn about cultures from across time and geography. Schedule one, or a series of visits on any of the topics below. Supports Ohio's New Learning Standards: Social Studies 6-8th and includes gallery-based activities, in addition to pre- and post-visit lesson plans. Tour times are customizable for a 60 or 90 minute experience.

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Topics: America, Ancient Egypt, Greece and Rome, Art of Glass, Medieval Period, Renaissance and Reformation

Grades 6–12

Ekphrastic Writing

90 Minutes

Enhance creative and critical thinking skills by writing poems in response to works of art. Tour and writing activities are 45 minutes each. Students are encouraged to continue the writing and editing in class and submit their completed writing to the annual Ekphrastic Writing Competition.

Grades 9–12

Art of Glass + Glassblowing Demonstration

90 Minutes

Learn how different cultures throughout history have made and used glass. Explore the galleries in the Glass Pavilion and see a glassblowing demonstration; tour and demonstration are 45 minutes each.

Demonstration available Wednesday and Friday mornings only. Limit 50 students.

Art of Seeing Art: Speaking Visual

60 Minutes

Analyze and interpret works of art through the four visual languages: Form, Symbols, Ideas, and Meaning.

ALL GRADES

Grades K–12

STEAMED Up

These tours include diverse works of art that represent Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math and range from paintings, sculptures, mixed media and glass to architecture and textiles. Our focus is to guide student inquiry, inspire creativity, and connect problem-solving and design.

Art & Science

60 Minutes

Explore the similarities between artists and scientists. This tour includes a focus on nature, earth science, weather, and optics through investigation and thought-provoking questions.

Art & Technology/Engineering

60 Minutes

This tour explores connections between design and structure, with a focus on critical thinking and problem solving.

Art & Math

60 Minutes

This tour explores a range of artworks focusing on shapes, patterns, and perspective.

STEAM: Bringing it All Together

60 Minutes

This tour encompasses all areas of STEAM with a special focus on glass. The tour combines problem solving, creative thinking, and investigation.

RESOURCES FOR EDUCATORS



TMA offers a wealth of materials and activities based on our collection and special exhibitions for preK–12 educators.

For more information or to schedule contact Grace Toth at gtoth@toledomuseum.org

TMA Teacher Leaders

TMA Teacher Leaders program provides area educators with the skills and knowledge to use Museum collections, pedagogy, and resources in their classrooms and apply visual literacy to their subject areas across the curriculum.

Learn more at: toledomuseum.org/education/school-resources

Reference library

The TMA's Reference Library is an art research library that reflects the museum's collections and exhibitions. In addition to books, periodicals, and DVDs, resources include discovery boxes for educators and documentary information on Museum collections. Educators are invited to use the Library, free of charge, during public hours.

Search the library catalog: toledomuseum.org/education/reference-library

Curiosity Corner

Visit the Curiosity Corner, a video series on the Museum's YouTube page featuring works of art from TMA's collection designed to help elementary school-aged kids become curious about art. In under 5 minutes, each fun and lively video focuses on one work of art from our collection, introducing art vocabulary, art history, close looking, and at-home art projects.

Teacher Professional Development Workshops

Visit tickets.toledomuseum.org/Info.aspx?EventID=19

Schedule your visit today!

We are accessible

Stools are available at the Plough entrance and throughout the galleries. In addition, wheelchairs are available at each entrance. Touchable objects and modifications are available with advanced notice.

We like to plan ahead

Both docent-led and self-guided groups must fill out a tour request form and submit at least three weeks prior to the preferred tour date. Once the tour is confirmed, your docent will contact you by phone or email to discuss the museum visit and what to expect during your tour.

You can schedule your visit online:
www.toledomuseum.org/school-tours-0

Helpful Information



Weather permitting, groups are welcome to bring sack lunches and eat at the picnic tables on the TMA grounds.



Student tours are free and bus parking is free for all K-12 docent-led tours.



We request that you bring at least one chaperone per 12 students.



Limited bus subsidies are available to help schools defray transportation costs for docent-led tours. To apply, fill out the section titled "Bus Subsidies" on the tour request form.