Museum Etiquette

We are pleased to welcome you and your students for a visit to GRAM’s galleries and want to thank you for assisting us in providing the most positive experience possible for your students. Because your role is critical to the success of the visit, we’ve provided a number of brief guidelines for you to review prior to your arrival.

As a courtesy to others and for personal safety, please review the following with your students:

- Visitors must not touch works of art, encasements, pedestals, or walls, and must stay two feet away from all works of art.
- Visitors must not trespass beyond any barriers or ropes protecting the artwork.
- Voices should be kept to a reasonable level.
- Youth must remain with their assigned group at all times.
- Please walk (not run) at all times.
- Cameras and photography are allowed for personal use, however please no flash. Please obey gallery signs regarding special exhibition rules regarding photography.
- Book bags, backpacks, large purses, and umbrellas must be left, either at the Education Center Desk, or at the Visitor Services desk, located in the main lobby.
- Pencils are the only writing/sketching utensils allowed in the galleries.
- No food, beverages, or gum are allowed in the galleries.
**Guidelines for Chaperones**

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- Maintain discipline for the group using practices approved by the classroom teacher.
- Act as a good role model for gallery behavior (refrain from touching art, encasements, pedestals, or walls; be attentive to your docent; avoid looking at your phone outside of emergencies).
- Refrain from responding to student-directed questions.
- Ensure students stay together in their group.
- Accompany the students in your group at all times, including stops in the restrooms and museum store.
- Please silence or turn off all cell phones.
- Please do not bring food, beverages, or gum into the galleries.

The Grand Rapids Art Museum requires a minimum of 1 chaperone for every 10 students.