

Planetarium Visitor Guidelines

Your trip to the FSC Planetarium will be an exciting, educational and fun experience. The McAuliffe Center looks forward to working with you to achieve this goal. The following guidelines are provided to help you prepare for your Planetarium visit.

Scheduling. Please contact the McAuliffe Center immediately at (508) 626-4050 if you anticipate arriving late for a scheduled Planetarium program.

Seating. Class size in the Planetarium is limited to 36 students, not including chaperones.

Chaperones. Every class must be accompanied by at least two, but no more than six, adult chaperones. Chaperones must remain with the students at all times.

Food & Drink. Eating, drinking, candy, gum chewing and/or smoking are not permitted in the Planetarium at any time. Teachers and chaperones must take measures to insure that students are aware of this policy beforehand, and that they do not bring such items into the Planetarium. Please advise the McAuliffe Center staff if any students have special dietary needs.

Personal Electronics. Photography, audio or video recording devices, flashlights and/or laser pointers are not permitted in the Planetarium at any time. Cell phones, pagers and audible alarms must be turned off before entering the Planetarium, and remain turned off until the program is concluded. Again, please take measures to insure that your students and chaperones understand these policies in advance.

Safety. All Planetarium programs are, by necessity, presented in complete darkness. Once the Planetarium is darkened, all visitors must remain seated until the end of the program. Anyone who leaves the Planetarium during a program, for any reason, cannot be re-admitted until after the program is concluded. Students leaving the Planetarium during a program must be accompanied by a chaperone at all times.

Discipline. We respect your classroom management skills, and anticipate that you will feel comfortable attending to students who may be disrupting the Planetarium visit for others. Class seating should be arranged to promote a learning environment.

A/V Considerations. Some Planetarium programs incorporate loud sounds and flashing lights. Please contact us at (508) 626-4050 at least one week in advance if any of your students are sensitive to these types of effects.

NOTE: The McAuliffe Center reserves the right to substitute shows in the event of a technical difficulty.



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