

Dear School Administrator:

The Noguchi Museum is pleased to offer tours for PreK – 12 students. The Museum has 14 gallery spaces on two floors, and is an intimate space in which students can enjoy focused group conversation about works of Modern art. As one teacher wrote, “The uncrowded galleries allowed the class to focus well and think deeply about the sculptures. The educator was warm, engaging and in control of the group.”

All tours are designed to promote careful observation and critical thinking, skills essential in the arts as well as across the curriculum. In addition, these programs challenge students to share ideas clearly and listen closely to others. The Common Core State Standards state that students who are college and career ready exhibit seven traits; our programs in particular support the following traits:

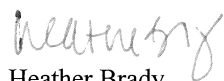
- **They demonstrate independence.** All students are asked to formulate and share ideas and questions about works of art. As there is no one way to understand a work of art, students understand that their independent ideas are valuable and worth pursuing.
- **They comprehend as well as critique.** Students listen closely to others, adding their own ideas and noting when they disagree.
- **They value evidence.** Students are challenged to identify evidence to support their ideas.
- **They come to understand other perspectives and cultures.** Students learn how the artist Isamu Noguchi learned from other cultures, and made these ideas his own. They also experience how the perspectives of other students can impact or even transform their own ideas about a work of art.

In addition, our programs address **New York States Arts Standards 1, 3, and 4. Students who participate in a Tour and Workshop program also experience Standard 2, Knowing and Using Art Materials and Resources.**

Because we are committed to encouraging students to become independent learners and museum visitors, each student in Grades PreK – 8 receives a Family Pass, to return to The Noguchi Museum with his or her family, free of charge.

Thank you in advance for making The Noguchi Museum a part of your students’ school experience. If you have questions about the Museum or programs, we encourage you to reach out to us at education@noguchi.org.

Sincerely,



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