



## The Art of Chaperoning

The Snite Museum of Art is grateful to the teachers, parents, and other adults who take the time to join their children and students in their museum experience. We value your time and we believe you can play a key role in making your child's visit more enjoyable and educational. The information below will help prepare you for your visit to the Snite Museum of Art.

### Overview of Field Trips at the Snite Museum of Art

- Tours for students last approximately 45 minutes.
- Tours may be led by a Snite Museum of Art volunteer educator (or docent) or by the teacher (a self-guided tour).
- Docent-led tours are typically organized around a general theme and are designed to be grade specific.
- Tours are designed to actively engage students in the galleries and often include both discussion and student-driven discovery.

### Chaperone Responsibilities

- Chaperones are responsible for helping to keep their groups together while they are at the Snite Museum of Art.
- Chaperones support student learning and exploration taking place on the tour by assisting the docent or teacher when necessary.
- Chaperones should be familiar with Snite Museum of Art guidelines (see below).

### Tips on How to be a Successful Chaperone

The students that you accompany will model your behavior in the museum. Please be sure to lead by example so that their visit will be as smooth as possible.

You can help ensure this by:

- Keeping an eye on all the students in the group.
- Silencing your cell phone and refraining from texting during the tour.
- Paying attention to the docent or teacher leading the tour.
- Keeping the group together.
- Refraining from attempting to redirect the pace or content of the tour to any great extent.

### Snite Museum of Art Guidelines

- Do not touch the artwork. Oils and moisture from hands can cause damage, even to sculpture.
- Do not lean on walls, pedestals, or display cases as works of art could shift or fall.
- Photography is allowed in the Museum, but only of works that the Museum owns. Photography is usually prohibited in special exhibitions. Look for the no photography icon or ask a security guard if you are unsure.
- All backpacks, large purses, or bags must be left on the bus or placed in the coat check.
- No food, gum, or beverages are allowed in the galleries.