

Discover the World We Design and Build

Field Trips to the
National Building Museum

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How to Register

This brochure provides information about all the field trip opportunities available at the National Building Museum for the 2024-2025 school year.

Scan the QR code and fill out a field trip request at <https://www.nbm.org/learn/schools-teachers>, email school@nbm.org, or call (202) 849-2467.

When your trip is confirmed, you will receive an invoice that is payable via credit card or check. We do not accept POs. Payment is due 3 weeks before the trip date.



General Information

Hours

The Museum is open Thursday–Monday, 10 am–4 pm *

Programs are available Monday, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 9 am–2 pm

Closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas

Location

The Museum is located at 401 F Street NW (between 4th and 5th and F and G Streets), just four blocks from the National Mall and two blocks from the Capital One Arena.

Transportation

Metro: Judiciary Square (**Red Line**) or Gallery Place-Chinatown (**Green/Yellow/Red Lines**)

Buses may park in the G Street driveway if drivers remain with their buses at all times. The Museum has no public parking. Two-hour metered parking and parking garages are located near the Museum.

The National Building Museum's school programs are generously supported by the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities, Clark Charitable Foundation, and The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation.

* These are the times exhibitions are available to self-guide



Math



Science



Social Studies



Language Arts



Technological Literacy



Visual Arts



Music

School Programs



Patterns, Patterns Everywhere!

Grades: Pre-K3-Kindergarten

Length: 1.5 hours

Fee: \$225 per class (max 20); Title One: \$125 per class

1 Chaperone: 5 students required

Additional chaperones: \$5/each

Designed for our youngest visitors, *Patterns, Patterns Everywhere!* takes early elementary students on a scavenger hunt through the Museum's historic building, searching for shape and color patterns in architecture and in one exhibition. The program includes a hands-on workshop in which students create patterns of their own using a variety of media. Exhibition access included (self-guided before or after the 1.5 hour facilitated lesson).



My House, My Home

Grades: Kindergarten-2

Length: 1.5 hours

Fee: \$225 per class (max 20); Title One: \$125 per class

1 Chaperone: 5 students required

Additional chaperones: \$5/each

How are houses built? What features are common to American homes compared with residences from around the world? Students will tour our life-sized architectural models of American houses, spanning the pre-Colonial to post-modern eras, as well as examine the materials, tools and steps necessary to build a home. Students will construct their own miniature houses and consider how they choose to define "home." Exhibition access included (self-guided before or after the 1.5 hour facilitated lesson).

School Programs



City by Design



Grades: 1-5

Length: 2 hours

Fee: \$225 per class (max 25); Title One: \$125 per class

1 Chaperone: 10 students required

Additional chaperones: \$5/each

Students will become city planners for a day as they are given the task of redesigning a community! After an introduction to zoning and the fundamentals of urban planning, students will embark on an escorted excursion through *Brick City* to see buildings from around the world from a city planner's perspective. They will then re-design an imaginary city, building their own structures out of recyclables and mixed media on a community floor map. Exhibition access included (self-guided before or after the 2-hour facilitated lesson).



Arches & Trusses & Bridges



Grades: 3-8

Length: 2 hours

Fee: \$225 per class (max 25); Title One: \$125 per class

1 Chaperone: 10 students required

How do bridges and buildings stand up? Bridges are an integral part of the built environment. Without them travel, trade, and communication would be greatly limited. Students will assume the role of an architect to investigate how materials, invisible forces, geographic factors, cost, and aesthetics work together to form stable and safe structures. The knowledge gained will help them analyze other buildings they encounter in the future. Exhibition access included (self-guided before or after the 2-hour facilitated lesson).

School Programs



Designing for Disaster



Grades: 3-8

Length: 2 hours

Fee: \$225 per class (max 25); Title One: \$125 per class

1 chaperone: 10 students required

Recent natural disasters continue to underscore the importance of preparing for and understanding the way in which structures respond during natural hazards. One of the main tasks of engineers is to assess what has failed in the past and develop new building techniques to reduce future damage and losses. Students will learn about engineering methods devised to create earthquake resilient buildings, then construct and test their own buildings using a shake table. Exhibition access included (self-guided before or after the 2-hour facilitated lesson).



Discover *Building Stories*



Grades K-3

Length 45 minutes

Fee: \$150 per class (max 20); Title One: \$75 per class

1 Chaperone: 5 students required

Additional chaperones: \$5/each

Our newest exhibition, *Building Stories*, connects children's storybooks and the built world through a series of unexpected, playful, and visually inspiring installations. Guided by a museum educator, students will immerse themselves in a place where literacy and architecture intersect. Exhibition access to other exhibits must be purchased separately at \$5 per student (\$3 for Title I).

School Programs



Three Little Pigs Discovery Cart



Grades: preK3-preK4

Length: 45 minutes

Fee: \$50 per class (max 20 students)

1 chaperone: 5 students required

Using interactive storytelling of this classic tale, children will learn the parts of a house, the strength of different materials, and how we choose materials for a structure.



Explore



Grades: all

Length: Your choice

Fee: \$5 per student; Title One: \$3 per student

1 Chaperone: 5 students required

Schedule a time at your convenience for a self-guided tour of the Museum's current exhibitions. See what's on view at www.nbm.org/exhibitions/current.

Launching early 2025!



Build Your Story



Grades 1-3

Length 2 hours

Fee: \$225 per class (max 20); Title One: \$125 per class

1 Chaperone: 5 students required

Additional chaperones: \$5/each

Offering deeper engagement than our *Discover Building Stories* field trip, this field trip covers the elements of a story while opening students' eyes to new perspectives on the world around them. After exploring the *Building Stories* exhibition, students will return to a Museum classroom for a hands-on activity resulting in a craft project they can take home! More details to come.

Opportunities for Everyone

The **National Building Museum** welcomes all students and schools to participate in its programs.

A limited number of free programs are available for Title 1 public schools throughout the school year. This includes a limited number of free Building Stories trips available to Title 1 schools in the DC/VA/MD area. Additional free programs are available only to DC Title 1 schools. These programs are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Schools participating in free programs at the Museum are required to complete a fee waiver form signed by their school principal; more information is available when you register online.

Organized homeschool groups are welcome to register for school group programs listed in this brochure. A special **homeschool day** will be offered in spring 2025!

Visit www.nbm.org/learn/schools-teachers for more information.

We strive to provide accessible school programs that are appropriate for students with varying abilities or special needs. Our programs are hands-on and complement a variety of learning styles. The Museum has a wheelchair-accessible entrance on G Street.

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