



Trip Tips: An Educator's Guide to Visits to Pike Place Market

Planning and preparation are keys to a successful educational visit to Pike Place Market. Please review the following information and take action where needed.

Be Purposeful

Give your class a purpose or objective for the Market visit. Explore or reinforce ideas and skills previously taught in class. Help guide their focus even though there are many distracting sights and sounds. Please dedicate time to preparing your class in advance of the visit to the Market.

Think about how you wish to use the Market experience as an introduction to other subjects or skills that will be taught later. Also, if creating a scavenger hunt for students, please be sensitive to the needs and business practices of merchants. Merchants frown upon activities that are disruptive to conducting business with customers.

Helpful Tips

- ✓ The best times for to visit are from 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesday through Thursday. Mid-October through early April are quieter months (except days around holidays).
- ✓ Please have one adult chaperone for every five students. Please share learning goals and behavior expectations for the Market visit. Give them the “Helpful Tips for Pike Place Market Chaperones” handout.
- ✓ If you'd like to spend time in specific stores, please contact the store owners before your visit. Most stores are small and cannot accommodate groups, but merchants will often step outside to talk about their businesses. If at the Market you discover a shop of interest, ask first before taking a group inside. Ask before taking photos.
- ✓ Remind students that each store is a place of business; please keep voices low and ask first before touching items. Please be courteous to other shoppers by not interrupting merchants who are helping customers. If a sample is offered, please take only one.

- ✓ Instruct students to return to Rachel the bronze piggybank under the clock if they get separated from the group. Students can ask any adult who works at a business where Rachel the Piggybank is located.
- ✓ Please communicate to students your expectations regarding field trip behavior. Have students practice good listening skills, manners, etc.
- ✓ Have students and chaperones wear name tags; include the name of the school if your school prohibits identifying children by name.
- ✓ Parent drivers should park in the PDA's Public Market Parking Garages at 1531 and 1901 Western Avenues. Click [here](#) for parking info and directions.
- ✓ Going south on First Avenue, school buses may at Pike Street. The closest parking for school buses is on the waterfront near the aquarium.
- ✓ If your class comes via Metro bus, call Metro in advance. Click [here](#) to learn about Metro's field trip program.
- ✓ Many classes eat lunch at the Market. No public seating areas exist to accommodate entire classes, but many will accommodate smaller groups of 5-10 people. Options include the Economy Atrium, the elevator foyer next to the Gum Wall, Waterfront viewing area next to Soundview Café, the lower levels, in the Sanitary Market and MarketFront plaza (seasonal).
- ✓ Decide in advance how you would like students to handle individual spending money.

There are four sets of public restrooms:

1. downstairs from Rachel the Piggybank
2. downstairs from City Fish
3. in the Sanitary Market next to Kitchen Basics
4. in the Soames-Dunn Building next to Bavarian Meats

To learn more about Pike Place Market, go to pikeplacemarket.org.