



School Programs

Introduce your students to our nation's past! Through hands-on school programs at Dumbarton House, your students are invited to "travel back in time" 200 years and explore the early history of Washington D.C. All programs align with local and national curriculum standards in the areas of social studies, history, and language arts.

Time Travelers: Kindergarten -2nd Grade

What was it like to live in America 200 years ago? In this program specially designed for our youngest museum visitors we invite students to compare and contrast their daily lives with those of American families living during the Federal period. Students will explore history using their five senses; make a special craft; play early American games; and enjoy a period snack.

Length: 1.5 hours

Capital Quest: 3rd-5th Grade

Students become history detectives on this quest through Washington D.C.'s past. By spying for clues, examining primary sources, and strengthening map skills, students will uncover the rich history of the nation's capital. Discover why Washington D.C. was chosen as the capital city and explore the lives and ideals of early Americans who shaped the nation. In addition to an interactive tour, the program includes a craft activity and a period snack of tea and cookies.

Length: 2 hours

*Farm to Table at Dumbarton House:** 3rd- 8th Grade

Students learn how food travels from the farm to their kitchen table on this interactive tour of the herb garden and historic dining room. After the tour, students make their own snack using ingredients gathered from the garden and plant an edible garden to take home! This program integrates science, social studies, and nutrition to teach students about food production, healthy eating, and reducing our carbon footprint.

Length: 2 hours

*Offered spring/early fall

Parthenon to Portico: 3rd- 8th Grade

What does America have in common with Ancient Greece? Students learn how America was influenced by this great civilization by comparing Classical Greek and American ideals of government, art, and architecture. Using elements of Classical Greek architecture and their own imagination, students design a public structure to take home!

Length: 2 hours





FAQ's:

When are Dumbarton House's school programs offered?

School programs are available Wednesday through Friday. To register for a field trip you can submit a field trip request form from our website www.dumbartonhouse.org/youth-groups or contact the education department. Registration should be made at least 1 month prior to program date. Cancellations must be made 14 days prior to scheduled program date.

What time are programs held and how long do they run?

Programs start between 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Other requests may be accommodated. Programs are 1.5 or 2 hours.

How many students/chaperones can be accommodated?

A maximum of 36 2nd- 8th grade students and 25 K- 1st grade students can be accommodated. All programs have a minimum of 8 students required. If you have a larger group, please contact the Education department to discuss options.

Do you offer special programs or incentives for DC Public Schools?

Dumbarton House welcomes District of Columbia Public Schools and Public Charter Schools to participate in its programs at no cost. Register early! A limited number of bus transportation stipends are also available to Title I DCPS and DC Public Charter schools.

How much do the programs cost?

\$4 per student (snack and supplies included). 3 required adult chaperones, FREE of charge. Additional chaperones may attend at the cost \$4 per adult. Deposit of \$25 due at time of registration. Balance due upon arrival.

Can you accommodate special needs or food allergies?

The Museum's programs are available to all students as the hands-on programs are developed to connect with all learning styles. Given enough notification, Museum Educators can adapt programs to fit the specific needs of your students. The Museum is wheelchair accessible. All programs provide a snack. Please notify staff of any food allergies.

