

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SCHOOL GROUPS

Tours are a fun and exciting way to see the Texas Capitol and Capitol Visitors Center. We welcome visitors of all ages who are courteous to one another and respectful of their surroundings at all times. Behavior that is not acceptable at school and community centers is not acceptable here. This code of conduct applies to all groups whether or not they have a scheduled tour.

- 1 **Respect Capitol/Capitol Visitors Center property including the buildings. Do not touch furnishings, paintings or statues.**
- 1 **Respect other Capitol/Capitol Visitors Center visitors.**
- 1 **Respect Capitol/Capitol Visitors Center staff.**
- 1 **Use soft, inside voices. The Capitol/Capitol Visitors Center are working state buildings.**
- 1 **Remain orderly at all times while inside. Groups should stay together and stay on the right side of hallways and stairwells. Running and shouting are prohibited.**
- 1 **The use of electronic devices such as earphones or cellular telephones is not permitted during guided tours.**
- 1 **Food, gum and beverages are not allowed while touring. Picnicking on the Capitol Grounds is permitted.**
- 1 **Note that no storage is available in the Capitol, Capitol Extension or the Capitol Visitors Center for groups leaving belongings, lunches or ice chests. Please coordinate the retrieval of these items from your bus or other vehicles.**
- 1 **All trash should be deposited in the proper receptacle upon departure.**
- 1 **For school groups, one adult chaperone is required for every ten students. Chaperones are very important supervisors who are expected to abide by and enforce this code of conduct. They must stay with students at all times (unless otherwise directed by Capitol or Capitol Visitors Center staff) to help ensure appropriate behavior and the safety of the students and the exhibits they visit. We ask that all chaperones model courteous behavior and address any problems as they arise.**
- 1 **Understand that dangerous, disruptive, profane or threatening behavior will not be tolerated.**
- 1 **Any unruly groups will be asked to leave.**