

Helpful Hints for a Successful Warhol Experience

Hint #1 Approaching Administration

Approach administration with a detailed plan of what students will see and do at the Warhol museum. Because of Warhol's sometimes controversial subject matter, the Teacher Advisory Team recommends visiting the Museum to see Warhol's work firsthand. The Museum's education staff will meet with you to address any concerns and to help plan your visit in detail. Call the Education Department to set up a meeting: 412.237.8365.

Hint #2 Scheduling

Schedule large school-wide outreaches early in the year to prevent conflicts with end-of-year activities. Tours, outreaches and workshops can be scheduled at any time during the year. One suggestion is to schedule your trip during National Youth Art Month, an annual observance each March sponsored by the Council for Art Education to emphasize the value of art education for all children and to encourage support for quality school art programs.

When planning a museum visit in conjunction with an outreach, it is best to schedule both events no more than two weeks apart to keep the experience fresh for students.

Hint #3 Collaboration

Integrate Warhol in all the subjects you teach. Warhol's work is not just for art class. His art can be incorporated into lessons on subjects like reading, writing, science and history.

Hint #4 Food

Make your own lunch arrangements. The Warhol Museum does not have lunch facilities. If the weather permits students can eat their lunches at Allegheny Landing, a fountain and sculpture park a short walk from the museum.

Hint #5 Museum Store

Make the museum store off limits to your students. The store is very small and cannot handle large groups. The store also sells books with mature subject matter that are not appropriate for youth.

Hint #6 Outreaches in the Classroom

Send a diagram of the room in which outreach sessions will be held to help aid Artist Educators in planning and setup. For example, education staff will need at least one table for supplies, and access to a sink in the classroom or a janitor's closet.

Hint #7 Outreaches for the Community

Incorporate the Warhol community outreach with another school event, such as an annual art show. This is an effective way for children and parents to spend quality time together learning about and making art.