

SCHOOL TOURS: What to Expect on the Day of Your Visit

We hope that you and your students will have a fun, educational and safe visit to the Parliament Buildings. The following information will help you prepare for your tour.



Arriving at the Parliament Buildings

There is no public parking on the property, but there are many options nearby. Most groups arriving by bus are dropped off in front of the Royal BC Museum. Please visit our [Visitor Parking](#) page for information.

Please plan to arrive at the [School Entrance](#) 10 minutes prior to your tour. The School Entrance is located on the East side of the Legislative Library at the back of the building.

An accessible entrance is available at the front of the building and elevators can be used to travel between floors during the tour. Please let us know if you or your students require entry via the accessible entrance.

If you are running late for your tour, please call us at 250-387-6668. Although we will do our best to re-schedule your tour, we are not always able to accommodate groups who arrive late.



What to expect on tour

Guided tours last approximately 45 minutes. Our Tour Guides are happy to tailor tour content to meet the needs of your class. If there is a topic of specific interest to your class, please speak with your Tour Guide prior to the tour.

The Parliament Buildings are working office buildings. We ask that students remain with the Tour Guide at all times and behave in a calm and courteous manner throughout their visit. Teachers are expected to be present and to assist with students during the tour.

If you are coming on a day that the Legislative Assembly is meeting, please be aware that rooms that are normally included on guided tours may be closed for government events and activities.

The Tour Office is not able to store bags or backpacks. Students will be required to carry their belongings during the tour.



Observing debates

School groups are allotted 20 minutes in the Public Gallery to observe debates when the Legislative Assembly is meeting. Students must pass through a metal detector prior to entering the Public Gallery. All cell phones, electronics and bags will be stored in a secure area while you are observing debates.