

PARLIAMENTARY TOUR PROGRAM

School Visits of the Parliament Buildings

We hope that you and your students will have an enjoyable and educational visit to the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia!

Here are some tips and resources to help you prepare for your visit.

Before you arrive:

Please review your confirmation email to make sure the details of your visit are correct. Contact the Tour Office at 250-387-3046 if you have any questions.

Please review the [Behavioural Expectations Form](#) and share the information with your students and accompanying chaperones.

Tour length varies between 30 to 60 minutes depending on Parliamentary activity. Groups can be booked for a further 20 minutes in the Public Gallery when the House is in session. Please allow for up to 1.5 hours for your visit.

Please note that guided tours may be re-routed or cancelled at any time due to Parliamentary activity and events.

Educational resources:

- Visit our [Learning Resources](#) page for lesson plans, classroom activities, poster, fact sheets, and videos.
- Visit the [Information for Teachers](#) page to download copies of the Indoor Tour Quiz and Outdoor Scavenger Hunt (available in French and English).
- Visit our [Discover Your Legislature](#) page for an interactive program on the Legislative Assembly and the history of the Parliament Buildings.
- View the Chamber Poster ([English](#) / [Français](#)) to see inside the Legislative Assembly.
- See [Bills](#) introduced during the current session of the Legislative Assembly.
- View the [MLA Seating Plan](#) in the Legislative Assembly.
- Visit the [MLA Finder](#) to learn more about your school's MLA.
- View the [Progress of Bills](#) in the Legislative Assembly.
- View full [transcripts](#) and [video](#) of proceedings (including special events such as the Speech from the Throne and visits from distinguished guests).



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On the day of your visit:

If you are running late for your tour, please call the Tour Office at 250-387-6668 or the School Group Entrance at 250-387-9243. Although we will do our best to re-schedule your tour, we are not always able to accommodate groups who arrive late.

There is no public parking at the Parliament Buildings. Please visit our [Parking information](#) page for parking options in the area.

The Tour Office is not able to store bags and backpacks. Students are encouraged to leave their belongings on the bus, or will have to carry them while on tour.

- Please arrive at least 10 minutes prior to your tour time and check in at the [School Group Entrance](#). Please bring your Tour Confirmation Letter and signed copies of the [Behavioural Expectations and Photo Consent forms](#).

If chaperones would prefer not to take the tour, we encourage them to take a break and to rejoin your group at the conclusion of the tour.

What to expect on tour:

Our tours provide your students with an overview of the history of the Parliament Buildings and an introduction to the Parliamentary process in British Columbia.

- Our Tour Guides are happy to tailor tour content to suit the needs of your class. If there is a topic of specific interest to your students, please inform your guide prior to the start of the tour.

Students are encouraged to ask questions and complete the Indoor Tour Quiz (available in [English](#) and [Français](#)).

The Parliament Buildings are working office buildings. Please be aware that Security Staff will ask noisy students or groups to lower their voices.

Meeting with your MLA:

The Tour Office notifies your school's MLA of your visit and invites them to meet with your class.

- MLAs have very busy schedules, so we cannot guarantee that they will be available to meet with your group.

The Tour Office is pleased to take a digital photograph of your group with your MLA. Please complete the attached [Photo Consent form](#) and bring it with you on the day of your visit.

