

EDUCATOR GUIDE



Welcome Educators!

The Detroit Cultural Center Association (DCCA) is proud to share this guide to the K-12 educational opportunities offered throughout the Cultural Center. Our goal is to make it easier for you to explore the wide range of resources available—from field trips and in-class visits to lesson plans, workshops, and professional development.

This document marks the beginning of a resource that will continue to grow and evolve, with the goal of one day presenting all of the district's educational opportunities in one place for easy access. In its current form, the packet serves as a quick overview, highlighting just some of the many ways Cultural Center institutions can support teaching and learning. For the most complete and current information, please visit each institution's website or reach out to the education contact listed at the bottom of each page.

We encourage you to use this guide as a starting point and connect directly with the institutions that interest you. Their staff can provide program details, updates, and support to help you plan meaningful experiences for your students.

Together, the Cultural Center institutions are dedicated to inspiring curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking—inside the classroom and beyond.

Sincerely,

The Detroit Cultural Center Association

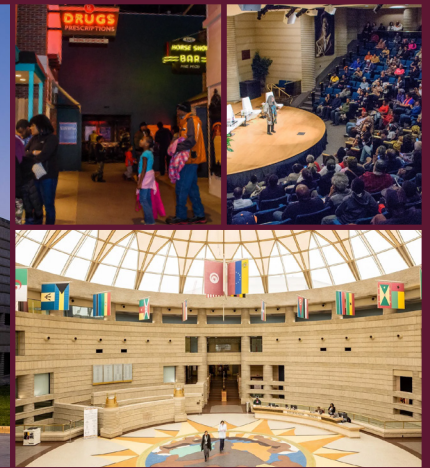


CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS Represented in this Guide

Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History
College for Creative Studies
Detroit Historical Museum
Detroit Institute of Arts
Detroit Public Library
Hellenic Museum of Michigan
International Institute of Metro Detroit
Michigan Science Center
The Scarab Club
Wayne State University

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CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

315 E Warren Ave, Detroit, MI 48201

The Wright celebrates the rich cultural legacy of African Americans, inspiring reflection and dialogue through powerful exhibitions, educational programs, and research opportunities. Educators can access museum tours, in-class presentations, and workshops all aligned with the state curriculum in Social Studies, English Language Arts, Art History, World Languages, and other subjects. Interactive activities, summer programs, and additional resources further support students in exploring African American history and the African Diaspora.

GRADES SERVED

PreK-12

SPECIAL POPULATIONS SERVED



Students with Disabilities



Neurodivergent Students



Spanish Speakers

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Curriculum Lesson plans are available upon request to support classroom instruction.

Programs At the museum, students can participate in interpretive tours, seminars, and hands-on workshops. In the fall, school outreach brings activities and assemblies directly into classrooms, and free summer camps extend learning opportunities into the summer months.

FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

Group Admission

Per student: \$11
Per educator/chaperone: \$14

Group rates apply to groups of 10 or more only.

Maximum Group Size

300

Meal Options

Designated lunch area available.

Education Contact:
education@thewright.org

thewright.org/learn/k-12-students



DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

5401 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48202

The Detroit Historical Museum brings the city's past to life with interactive exhibits and family-friendly displays that highlight Detroit's industries, culture, and people. Students can step back in time along the immersive Streets of Old Detroit, exploring cobblestone roads, 19th-century storefronts, and recreated moments from the 1840s, 1870s, and 1900s. Hands-on experiences throughout the museum—including buttons, touch screens, and audio stations—engage learners of all ages. As Michigan's first Certified Autism Center™, the museum is committed to accommodating students of all abilities through sensory bags, designated quiet spaces, and a sensory room currently in development, ensuring an inclusive and welcoming experience for every visitor.

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EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Curriculum Lesson plans developed by the Detroit Historical Society's educational team available online.

Programs The StoryLiving Program brings history to life in your classroom with an actor portraying key historical moments in Detroit such as the Underground Railroad, the Great Migration, and the Great Fire of 1805.

Professional Development

Offered at various times throughout the year, typically in August.

FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

STUDENT COST PER TOUR	
Self-Guided	\$8
Scavenger Hunt	\$10
Guided	\$12
Group Admission	One chaperon required for every 10 students. Each additional chaperon: \$10.
	Minimum charge: \$150
Maximum Group Size	100
Transportation	Bus reimbursement up to \$250.
Meal Options	Designated lunch area available (required \$150 deposit).

Education Contact:
education@detroithistorical.org

detroithistorical.org/learn/educator-portal



DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

5200 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48202

Home to one of the nation's premier art collections, the DIA inspires creativity and critical thinking through its diverse holdings of more than 65,000 works. Educators can access curriculum-aligned lesson plans, professional development workshops, and guided or self-directed field trips that connect students with art from across cultures and time periods. Many field trips also include short hands-on engagements in the galleries and dedicated time in the art-making studio, giving students a chance to actively explore and create. With resources designed to spark dialogue and deepen classroom learning, the DIA helps bring the world of art into schools across Southeast Michigan.

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Curriculum Lesson plans and self-guided materials for a variety of grade levels and topics are available online.

Professional Development Various workshops offered for public and private groups, with free SCECH credits.

FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

Group Admission

Free for school groups from Wayne, Oakland, & Macomb counties.

Maximum Group Size

100

Transportation

Free bussing for schools in Wayne, Oakland, & Macomb counties.

Meal Options

Food available for purchase onsite at the Cafe DIA.

Designated lunch areas available on a first come, first served basis. Max capacity: 75.

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Education Contact:
educatorinfo@dia.org.

dia.org/learning



MICHIGAN SCIENCE CENTER

5020 John R St, Detroit, MI 48202

The Michigan Science Center (Mi-Sci) is a dynamic STEM hub where discovery, learning, and interactive participation meet. A proud Smithsonian affiliate, the museum features live stage shows, a planetarium, an IMAX Dome, a 4D theater, and more than 200 hands-on exhibits for all ages. With a creative blend of onsite, offsite, and online experiences, Mi-Sci sparks curiosity and invites learners to actively participate in the process of science. Interactive exhibits and immersive theaters are core to the experience, but personalized programming aligned with Next Generation Science Standards ensures relevant and meaningful learning opportunities for students of all backgrounds and levels of STEM experience. From live stage shows and pop-up demonstrations to distance-learning programs, the Mi-Sci puts YOU at the center of science.

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EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Programs A range of traveling programs are available through the Aramco Traveling Science Program, including live stage shows, pop-up demonstrations, and distance-learning programs that put students at the center of science.

FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

Group Admission

Per student: \$14
Includes admission, theater or stage show, and current traveling exhibition.

Group rates apply to groups of 20 or more.

10:1 student to chaperon ratio required. Additional chaperons: \$14.

Maximum Group Size

No limit on group size.

Museum has capacity to host 500-800 group guests per day.

Meal Options

Designated lunch areas available. Capacity ranges from 50-200.

Education Contact:
reservations@mi-sci.org | outreach@mi-sci.org

mi-sci.org/learn



DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY - MAIN LIBRARY

5201 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48202

Home to the largest municipal library collection in Michigan, the Detroit Public Library's Main Library spans three floors and features extensive collections of popular books, historic archives, and the Children's Library. Educators can schedule in-school visits, request printed and digital resources, along with presentations on best research practices to strengthen student learning. Additional programs include hands-on learning-through-play opportunities, as well as customizable scavenger hunts based on classroom topics. Teachers and students can also explore creative resources through the library's podcast and music studios.

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Curriculum Library services, literacy, and cultural enrichment.

Programs The Library offers classroom visits and hosts field trips at each of its 21 locations. Librarians can assist with database research tutorials and provide recommendations for both print and digital materials. They also offer book talks, story times, and customizable scavenger hunts. In addition, librarians collaborate with teachers to create special programs such as cultural enrichment, author visits, and reading challenges.

FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

Group Admission	Free
Maximum Group Size	250
Meal Options	Designated lunch areas available for small groups

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Education Contact:
vmcallister@detroitpubliclibrary.org

detroitpubliclibrary.org



HELLENIC MUSEUM OF MICHIGAN

67 E Kirby St, Detroit, MI 48202

The Hellenic Museum of Michigan presents and preserves Greek culture and the history of its global influence, with a special focus on the contributions of the Greek diaspora in Michigan. Through exhibits, storytelling, lectures, and cultural events, the museum provides meaningful opportunities for K-12 students to explore themes of migration, heritage, and identity. Teachers can enrich classroom lessons with historic photography, oral histories, artifacts, and video resources that make abstract concepts tangible and memorable. The museum accommodates all students by adapting learning resources in collaboration with teachers, offering quiet spaces, and providing access to noise-canceling headphones. The first floor and restrooms are fully accessible, ensuring every student can engage with exhibits and programs in a supportive environment.

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EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Curriculum Lesson plans and self-guided materials for a variety of grade levels can be developed to complement classroom instruction.

FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

Group Admission	Free
Maximum Group Size	75
Meal Options	Designated lunch areas available. Catering services are available for meal options.

Education Contact:
info@hellenicmi.org

hellenicmi.org



THE SCARAB CLUB

217 Farnsworth St, Detroit, MI 48202

The Scarab Club is a historic hub for the visual, literary, and performing arts in Detroit. Free to visit, the Club offers tours and opportunities for students to engage with art, architecture, and design through exhibitions and programming. It also supports students and emerging artists through mentorship, discounted memberships, and reduced admission to events that introduce art techniques, highlight artistic history, and create connections with fellow creatives.

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EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Programs Life Model Drawing classes can be arranged on site, and students receive discounted admission to lectures and events.

FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

Group Admission

Free admission.
Guided tours are available for \$5 - \$10 per person.

Maximum Group Size

200
(seating capacity limited to 100)

Meal Options

Designated lunch areas available.
Catering services are available for meal options.

Education Contact:
director@scarabclub.org

scarabclub.org



COLLEGE FOR CREATIVE STUDIES

201 E Kirby St, Detroit, MI 48202

The College for Creative Studies is one of the nation's leading art and design schools. Beyond its higher education programs, CCS supports K-12 learning through hands-on, interdisciplinary arts education. Educators can collaborate with CCS to bring workshops directly into classrooms, engaging students in drawing, painting, digital media, and design thinking. CCS also partners with Detroit Public Schools to provide afterschool programming that expands student access to the arts and fosters creativity outside the classroom.

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Curriculum

Educators can request access to free virtual workshops to support classroom learning.

Programs

Precollege & Continuing Education partners with schools to bring art and design programming directly into classrooms.

Admissions Counselor Workshops allow CCS counselors to visit art classrooms and lead customized workshops.

Community Arts Partnerships provide afterschool programming in direct partnership with Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD).

Middle School Tour Operator CCS is an approved operator for DPSCD with a set reimbursement rate.

Professional Development

Teacher Professional Development Days are offered for art educators and counselors to earn SCECH credits.

Apple Foundation Program is a one-month app development course, offered in partnership with Apple, and open to anyone 18+ in the Metro Detroit area.

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Education Contact:
cap@ccsdetroit.edu

ccsdetroit.edu/community-outreach-and-engagement



WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY - COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

5425 Gullen Mall, Detroit, MI 48202

Wayne State University (WSU) is a premier urban research institution in the heart of Detroit. In addition to its higher education programs, the College of Education provides valuable support to K-12 teachers and students. Through literacy initiatives, art therapy workshops, conferences, summer experiences, and more, the College connects classrooms with opportunities for learning, growth, and engagement. The College works alongside teachers, students, and families to foster success in and out of the classroom, while additional resources are available through WSU's other departments and colleges.

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Programs

Educator's Rising Conference and Competition for middle and high school students interested in pursuing a career in education.

High Five Literacy is a free program for students in grades 1 - 5 to receive reading and writing support.

Junior Science and Humanities Symposium promotes research and experimentation at the secondary level.

Next Gen Teachers program brings rising juniors and seniors interested in careers in education to campus each summer for a residential experience.

Saturday Art Therapy Workshops are offered in fall for both adults and youth.

Resources

Center for Health and Community Impact works to advance health, well-being, equity and life success locally, regionally, and nationally.

Community Health Worker Academy offers training and certification programs.

Detroit PEER is a research center conducting collaborative, community-centered, equity-focused research to support improvement in the Detroit educational ecosystem.

Families Of Infants and Toddlers Designing Professional Development works together with families to collaboratively design professional development tools for early childhood educators.

Mental Health and Wellness Clinic provides free services to community members.

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Education Contact:
askCOE@wayne.edu

education.wayne.edu/community-outreach



INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE

111 E Kirby St, Detroit, MI 48202

For over 100 years, the International Institute has supported low-income immigrants, refugees, and U.S.-born residents through innovative programs that advance economic mobility. The organization emphasizes continuing education and adult-focused programs, offering immigration services, workforce development, and adult education opportunities—including English as a Second Language, citizenship preparation, and vocational training—that help individuals build skills and create pathways to long-term success.

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Programs

Center for Working Families: Supports low-income individuals and families in achieving financial stability, long-term growth, and overall economic well-being through three core services: workforce development coaching, financial coaching, and income support services.

Immigration Legal Services: Provides consultations with immigration attorneys and DOJ-accredited representatives, with support for family-based petitions, citizenship, select humanitarian cases, and community education on immigration law and policy.

Adult Education & Workforce Development: Offers one-on-one counseling, evaluation, career development, and employment assistance for low-income, foreign-born, and non-immigrant Detroit residents.

Certified Nursing Assistant Training Course: A no-cost, 15-week intensive program (online and in-person) to prepare students for CNA certification.

Food Assistance Employment & Training Plus Program: Supports low-income individuals and families with education, technical training, credentialing, and pathways to quality jobs.

English as a Second Language Classes: Offered at three different levels to help students improve their English skills.

Spanish Language Classes: Instructor-led courses to strengthen Spanish knowledge and literacy.

Citizenship Classes: Free preparation courses to help residents get ready for the American Citizenship Exam.

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Neurodivergent Students



Spanish Speakers

Education Contact:
nada@iimd.org

iimd.org/education-and-training