

School Membership

2026–27 School Year



Thank you for choosing to join The Children's Museum of Indianapolis school membership program!

Please review the following guidelines and benefits and share the information with your teachers and staff.

Eligibility and Duration

- School membership is open to all Indiana schools, Grades Pre-K to 12, with at least 20 students. Preschools must have at least 20 students ages 3 to 5. Day camps, holiday camps, summer camps, group homes, and medical facilities are not eligible. The membership application is subject to review.
- The cost of the membership is based on total school enrollment, not individual classes or subgroups.
- **Your membership is valid for the school year, Sept. 8, 2026–May 28, 2027.**
- The membership fee will not be prorated.
- Membership is nontransferable and applies only to the school listed on the application.

Payment

- An invoice for the school membership and payment instructions will be sent by mail to the billing address provided in your school's application.
- **Payment for the school membership is expected within 90 days of the invoice date.**
 - All memberships purchased in 2026 must be paid by Dec. 31, 2026.



Field Trips

- Schools must register for all field trip visits and programs by contacting the Customer Service Center, open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 317-334-4000 at least two weeks in advance of each field trip.
- Your school membership includes **FREE** field trip admission for students.
- Free adult admission applies to one chaperone per five students.
- Additional chaperones will be charged \$10.25 per visit.
 - A chaperone is any teacher, parent, guardian, or other adult that accompanies the students on visits.
- Individual and family museum membership benefits do not apply to school field trip admission or add-ons.
- School field trips must take place on weekdays between Sept. 8, 2026, and May 28, 2027. No school visits will be scheduled on days when the museum is closed or on peak museum visitation days, including fall break, Thanksgiving break, winter break, and spring break.

Field Trip Add-ons

- Carousel rides are not included in the membership; they may be purchased in advance for \$1 per ride.
- The school membership includes a discounted price of \$1 per student or chaperone for the seasonal *Riley Children's Health Sports Legends Experience*®.

School Programs and Events

- School programming is subject to availability and must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance.
- When you call to schedule your field trip, you can request to add a cross-curricular, standards-aligned program to your field trip itinerary. Options include:
 - STEM programs and events
 - Arts & Humanities programs and events
 - Lilly Theater student matinees
 - *Playscape*® programs (preschool/Pre-K only)
 - *Riley Sports Legends Experience*® school programs
- Visit our Field Trips [webpage](#) for a complete list of school programs and events.

Field Trip Resources

- Visit the [resources](#) section to access helpful materials and videos to prepare your group for your field trip.





Virtual School Programs

- School memberships include **FREE** virtual programs with live experts from our education team.
- Virtual programs must be requested at least three weeks in advance.
- Visit this [webpage](#) to see a complete list of STEM and Arts & Humanities virtual programs.
- Complete this [form](#) to request a virtual program, and a museum staff member will contact you to confirm the date and time of your program.

Classroom Resources

- Download [free resources](#) and lesson plans.
- Designed to weave classroom experiences and museum education together, all lessons are interdisciplinary and can be used as individual classroom experiences or in combination to create a cohesive unit.

Educator News

- [Sign up](#) to receive email updates about field trips, virtual programs, museum events, and more.

We hope you enjoy the benefits of your membership. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at schoolmembership@childrensmuseum.org.

