

Student Tours

The history, culture, and lived experiences of the people of Texas provide an opportunity for students to learn the stories of the West through interactive tours.

At the Briscoe Museum, students explore art and artifact, and draw connections between works of art, personal experiences, and TEKS curricular standards.



Kim Wiggins, *Fiesta Day on the Plaza*, c. 2003, Oil on canvas, 44.75" x 57"

Tour Topics

Texas & the American West– This tour is best intended for fourth and seventh grade classes studying Texas History. The complex story of the Lone Star State is an essential part of the legend of the West. We tell the story of Texas by highlighting pivotal events throughout the state's history using art and artifacts. Students will examine individuals, events, and issues unique to the Lone Star State through primary resources and artists' depictions.

Tales & Trails– Motivations for moving West were as varied as the people settling the land. Students will learn how artists depict the stories of those seeking adventure, economic opportunity, and a new beginning. This tour can be modified to fit any elementary or middle school history/social studies curriculum.

Art of the West– The mystique of the American West is one built largely on legends—captured through the lens of the photographer, the brush of the painter, or the hands of the sculptor. Students of all grade levels will recognize how to interpret and evaluate artist representations of historical and contemporary narratives through art and artifact.

Schedule Your Field Trip Today!

Call the Education & Programs Department at 210.299.4499 or email Tours@BriscoeMuseum.org.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- When can I bring my students? We offer docent-led student tours Monday – Friday at 10:00am during the school year. Tours must be scheduled at least three weeks in advance.
- Can I request a customized tour? Yes, contact the Education & Programs Department to make arrangements. We can create a tour to cover specific classroom lessons, events, figures of the West, as well as integrate historical primary documents.
- How much do student tours cost? Tours are FREE for all students. Teachers and chaperones are also free at a maximum ratio of 1:5. Additional chaperones will need to pay the entrance fee.
- Do you offer bus reimbursement? Through the Briscoe Bus Fund, we offer bus reimbursement for schools in need. For more information, inquire about the Briscoe Bus Fund when you schedule your tour.
- How many students can we bring to the Briscoe? Due to space limitations, groups are limited to 80–100 students or two school buses. In addition, you need one adult for every ten students. If your group is larger, please contact us directly so we may create the best tour option for you.
- How long are the tours? Tours are 45 minutes to one hour.
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