

Chaperone Guidelines for Powell Gardens—Teachers Please Share with Your Chaperones

All guided and self-guided school groups require one chaperone for every ten students (teachers may serve as chaperones). Groups of children ages four and younger (day care centers etc.) require one adult for every five children. We require chaperone assistance with guided and self-guided tours. Please remember the tour is for the students' needs first and foremost.

The role of a chaperone is to ensure that groups display proper etiquette and ALWAYS respect the gardens while on property. Chaperones help students focus on a guided tour, respect the tour guides, and ensure students follow directions of the tour guide. There may be other groups visiting the garden at the same time. It is very important to remind students to walk, not yell, trample or pick plants, fruits, or vegetables, throw things, pick up their lunch trash, and stay with the group.

Chaperones are required to always stay with their assigned students' groups (regardless of age), to help the groups stay on schedule and enforce respectful behavior. If your group is broken into smaller groups with different activities, set a time and location to meet before switching activities.

Chaperones, please silence your cell phone and refrain from spending time on your phone while on a guided tour. Gardens are a place for people to find peace and serenity – please use quiet voices.

Photos are permitted of any garden area while you are in the gardens, and you are encouraged to share on social media and tag Powell Gardens (check with your school group lead teacher about the school's photo policy).

Powell Gardens reserves the right to dismiss any group or guest who cannot follow garden etiquette or is being unruly, disruptive, or disrespectful.

Please share with students (and help enforce) the following garden guidelines:

- Gardens are for looking and enjoying – please do not pick or collect plants unless INSTRUCTED by a tour guide or staff member.
- Safety comes first – please walk, don't run, wherever you go.
- Respect our plant life by always staying on paths and out of garden beds. Even areas which appear to be bare may have newly planted seeds.
- Chaperones must ensure students access the stairs at the silo area safely.

Please remind students and chaperones to dress for the anticipated weather. Hats, sunscreen, bug spray, jackets (for rain) and closed toe shoes for walking are encouraged.