



Museums are a Great Place to Learn!

- Museums help teach the state, local or core curriculum, tailoring their programs in math, science, art, literacy, language arts, history, civics and government, economics and financial literacy, geography and social studies.
- Children who visited a museum during kindergarten had higher achievement scores in reading, mathematics and science in third grade than children who did not. This benefit is also seen in the subgroup of children who are most at risk for deficits and delays in achievement.
- Students who attend a field trip to an art museum experience an increase in critical thinking skills, historical empathy and tolerance. For students from rural or high-poverty regions, the increase was even more significant.
- Museums preserve and protect more than a billion objects and help communities better understand and appreciate cultural diversity.
- Americans from all ranges of income and education visit museums, and museum volunteers contribute a million hours of service every week.
- Museums are involved with conservation breeding, habitat preservation, public education, field conservation and supportive research to ensure survival for many of the planet's threatened or endangered species. Museums also conduct or facilitate research to advance the scientific knowledge of the animals in human care and to enhance the conservation of wild populations.

A big thank you to the American Alliance of Museums for compiling these amazing statistics. Thank you to you and your members for partnering with Blue Star Families!

The American Alliance of Museums conducted extensive research on the subject of museums to compile these facts. More information can be found at <http://www.aam-us.org/>.

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