

1. Are you an official Washoe County School District (WCSD) educational partner?

Yes, we are an official educational partner with WCSD. A field trip to The Discovery is considered an enriching educational experience by the Washoe County School District.

2. Are your galleries and classes aligned to standards?

We have aligned our galleries to both common core standards as well as Nevada state standards where applicable. You can find the standards covered in each gallery as well as descriptions of our current class offerings on our website at www.nvdm.org.

3. What does a field trip cost?

We offer three field trip package options:

Package One is available to Washoe County School District schools with 50% or higher free and reduced lunch status, and includes bus transportation, museum admission and Discovery Lab. The cost is \$5 per student with no charge for required chaperones.

Package Two is available to all other Washoe County School District schools, and includes bus transportation, museum admission and Discovery Lab. The cost is \$9 per student with no charge for required chaperones.

Package Three is available to all other schools and groups and includes museum admission. Discovery Lab is optional and charged separately. The cost is \$6 per student/youth with no charge for required chaperones. Discovery Lab is \$3 per student/youth.

4. How do we schedule a field trip?

Field trips can be scheduled on The Discovery's website at www.nvdm.org. You'll find field trip information in the Plan a Visit section.

5. When does the museum offer field trips?

Field trips are available Tuesday through Sunday.

6. Can we come at a time other than two schedule slots?

Due to transportation constraints, it is recommended that WCSD schools plan to arrive at 10:00 or 10:30am. Field trip visits typically last two and half hours. Groups providing their own transportation may request the arrival time and visit duration that best suits the group.

7. Are their transportation scholarships available?

We currently do not offer transportation scholarships. Bus cost is included in Package 1 and 2 for schools within the Washoe County School District. Teachers signing up for these packages will still need to make the bus reservation through school district transportation – but the Discovery will be billed for this cost.

8. Do private schools, charter school or schools outside of Washoe County School District qualify for transportation scholarships?

Unfortunately, we do not have funding to cover transportation for private, charter, or schools outside of Washoe County School District, though we hope to in the future. There are assistance programs available through the Nevada Mining Association and Target.