



Brattonsville Academy Teacher Resource Packet Logistics of Your Visit

Contact information:

Brattonsville Academy at Historic Brattonsville

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Confirmation: Payment arrangements should be made when reserving your program. The Academy Schoolmistress will confirm programs one week prior to your scheduled visit. It is important that each teacher who will accompany a class confirms information specific to his/her class so that we can plan accordingly. Please let us know the number of boys, girls and adults who will be visiting the Academy. Please also make us aware of any special needs your students have so that we can accommodate them. It is crucial that we know of any changes in your schedule, including an expected early departure. It is helpful to have a mobile telephone number for teachers in case of a delay.

Teacher Resources: Please share the teacher resource information with all teachers who will be accompanying classes to the Academy.

Arrival: You do not need to check in at the Visitors Center. Buses should pass the main entrance and turn left onto Percival Road, then turn left to enter the large parking lot at the rear of the Visitors Center. Buses should proceed to the far back corner of the parking lot, where the children disembark. All cars and buses should park in this lot. Please use the silver hand truck, located at the back corner of the parking lot, to roll your cooler to the back door of the Academy.

Walking to the Academy: Please follow the signs and walkway to the Academy, located in the back corner of the parking lot. The Academy teachers or staff member portraying an enslaved African American will meet the students outside the Academy. Other transportation arrangements can be made for students with special needs.

Lunch: We encourage teachers to request historical lunches from the cafeteria. Suggested items include ham, cheese, biscuit, apple, pickle, cookie, milk and apple juice. For students who plan to bring their lunch, please encourage parents to pack historical lunches.

Adult roles: Please silence cellular telephones before entering the Academy. All adults will take active roles in the visit. The Academy teachers will prepare, teach, and lead the activities at the Academy. The classroom teacher will assist with activities, help students, and handle any major discipline problems. The chaperones will assist with activities, help students, and monitor the bathroom traffic.

Photography: Photographs may be taken throughout the day. Please refrain from using a flash or asking students to pose during lessons, as this disrupts the Academy teacher's class. Recess is the best time to take posed photographs.

Bathrooms: Maintaining the authenticity of the visit, "privies" are located outside of the Academy. Bathroom breaks will be scheduled. If a child needs to use the bathroom at a different time, he/she will be accompanied by a chaperone.

Nametags: Nametags are encouraged and should include the student's first initial and last name.

Copybooks: We hope that your students will create copybooks as a pre-visit activity. Copybooks were an important part of 1840s education, and make wonderful mementos of your visit. Please do not write students' names in the copybooks.

Dressing for the day: Waistcoats and aprons will be provided for students while they are attending the Academy. Some classes have chosen to dress for the experience by wearing outfits that resemble 1840s clothing. Girls can wear dresses and aprons, and boys can wear vests and white long-sleeved shirts.

Inclement Weather Plan: If the opening of school is delayed by one hour, the trip can continue as planned. Students should board the bus as soon as possible and proceed to the Academy. If there is a two-hour delay, the trip will need to be rescheduled.