School Programs

The museum offers gallery tours and hands-on workshops linked to the science education standards. We are developing new workshops for schools — check www.nhm.ku.edu/pubed for updates.

If you plan to visit the galleries — but don’t want a formal tour or program — we ask that you call to let us know in advance how many will be in your group. For gallery visitors, we suggest a contribution of $2 for children and $3 for adults.

Gallery tours and activities

Cost: $50 per group (25 maximum)
Duration: 45 minutes

Panorama Tour
This program summarizes the different habitats seen in the Panorama exhibit and includes a search-and-find animal activity.

Science curriculum links: Standards 1, 3, 7

Dinosaur Discovery
Everyone knows what a dinosaur is — or do they? How do you tell a dinosaur from other extinct groups of animals or other reptiles? Using the fossil gallery, students will discover important features of this most famous group and put their skills to the test.

Science curriculum links: Standards 1, 3, 7

Walking with Dinosaurs
Students investigate dinosaur footprints — what they can tell us and why — and learn how to calculate the speed of dinosaurs.

Science curriculum links: Standards 1, 3, 7
Math curriculum link: Standard 1

COMING SOON: Kansas Seas
Kansas was once covered with vast oceans. Discover how we know this and learn about some of the amazing creatures that lived in these seas.

Science curriculum links: Standards 1, 3, 7

School workshops:
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Planning a visit to the galleries? Want to sign up for a tour or workshop? Please call (785) 864-4173. Please call at least 3 weeks in advance.
School workshops
Cost: $3.50 per person (30 maximum, 12 minimum; one adult teacher or parent free for every 5 students)
Duration: 45 minutes

**Fossil Fun**
This workshop is designed for younger students and provides an introduction to geological time and fossils. Hands-on activities include identifying fossils, exploring how fossils are formed, and using living animals to give insight into extinct creatures.

*Science curriculum links:* Standards 1, 4, 7

**Rock Clocks**
This workshop is designed for older students and provides an introduction to geological time with activities that investigate relative and absolute dating.

*Science curriculum links:* Standards 1, 4, 7

**Hands-On Geology**
An introduction to minerals, rock types, and how they are formed. Students identify different rocks and minerals.

*Science curriculum links:* Standards 1, 4, 7

**Hands-On Mammals**
Explore the characteristics of mammals and their adaptations. New workshop components include a series of demonstrations and activities.

*Science curriculum links:* Standards 1, 3, 7

**Flight**
This open discovery-based workshop challenges students to work in small groups and demonstrate some of the scientific principles behind flight using everyday items.

*Science curriculum links:* Standards 1, 2, 7

**DNA Discovery**
This workshop introduces DNA — what it is and how it works. Hands-on activities include DNA extraction and making DNA jewelry.

*Science curriculum links:* Standards 1, 3, 7

**Travel Guide to Space**
Students explore our solar system through the view of tourists and are challenged to select the best destination to meet their needs.

*Science curriculum links:* Standards 1, 2, 7

**COMING SOON: Matter Matters**
Students investigate the properties and classification of matter. Topics covered include the particulate nature of matter, changes of state and temperature.

*Science curriculum links:* Standards 1, 2, 7

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