EDUCATIONAL IMPACT STATEMENT
for
Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum

The museum served 2,833 WT students during 2012-2013 through curriculum support including classes held at the museum, scheduled tours by staff and professors, PPHM staff teaching courses at WT, presentations to classes, students utilizing the Research Center, internships, and lectures held at the museum.

The museum served 5,718 WT students during 2012-2013 through student support including student recruitment, campus life, student volunteers, and enrichment.

Amount spent by museum on educational programming: $85,250

Number of schools participating in class trips: 345

Number of visits by schoolchildren each year: 23,046

School Districts Served: 97

List of schools districts participating in class trips: Lubbock Independent School District, Amarillo ISD, Panhandle ISD, Claude ISD, Tulia ISD, Friona ISD, Canyon ISD, Houston ISD, Lefors ISD, Sundown ISD, Miami ISD, Hereford ISD, Kress ISD, Wellington ISD, Borger ISD, Spearman ISD, Channing ISD, Sunray ISD, Bushland ISD, New Home ISD, Happy ISD, Dumas ISD, Groom ISD, Nazareth ISD, Midland ISD, Grandview Hopkins ISD, Spring Creek ISD, Gruver ISD, Lorenzo ISD, Paducah ISD, Hartley ISD, Cotton Center ISD, Farwell ISD, McLean ISD, Lazbuddie ISD, Sudan ISD, Springlake Earth ISD, Hedley ISD, Texline ISD, Walcott ISD, River Road ISD, Boys Ranch ISD


Curriculum topics taught in cooperation with local school system: Social Studies, Language Arts, Math and Science.
Admission fee, if any: $3.00

Number of educators that participated in teacher training programs: 86

In your own words:

"Have to tell you that we thoroughly enjoyed the dinosaur program! You kept our students engaged and made the program very interactive! This group is VERY sharp on dinosaur info, but you challenged them while letting them show off what they know!" 2nd grade teacher.

"The experiments were great, the snowflake activity was perfect. Your personal interaction with them was great. They love knowing about your experiences and you as a person." 2nd grade teacher.

"The teachers were very impressed with the My Museum Journals. We especially liked how closely linked they were to grade level TEKS and concepts that we teach in class. We are looking forward to using them as an extension in our classroom. They are definitely an awesome resource," 4th grade teacher.

**On a national scale, museums are essential partners in education:**

- Museums spend more than $2.2 billion a year on education, 3/4 of which is typically spent on to K-12 students.
- Museums receive more than 90 million visits each year from students in school groups.
- Each year, museums provide more than 18 million instructional hours for educational programs such as guided tours for students, staff visits to schools, school outreach through science vans and other traveling exhibits, and professional development for teachers (IMLS study).
- Museums tailor educational programs in math, science, art, literacy, language arts, history, civics and government, economics and financial literacy, geography, and social studies, often in coordination with state and local curriculum standards (IMLS study).
- At a time when elected leaders are trying to advance scientific literacy and compete globally in all sectors, museums are sparking the next generation of scientists, artists, political leaders, historians, and entrepreneurs.
- Teachers, students, and researchers benefit from access to trustworthy information through online collections and exhibits, although most museums need more help in developing their digital collections to meet this need.
- Americans view museums as one of the most important resources for educating our children and as one of the most trustworthy sources of objective information. According to a study by Indiana University, museums are considered a more reliable source of historical information than books, teachers, or even personal accounts by grandparents or other relatives.