

Courthouse Experience

Security Procedure at Multnomah County Courthouse

75% of the people accused of a crime in the Multnomah County Courthouse are out of custody.

When students walk away from their tours, security officers at the Multnomah County Courthouse become very concerned. As a result, courthouse security has asked Classroom Law Project to implement a system to keep students with their groups and out of harm's way.

IMPORTANT: It is the teachers' responsibility to make sure Chaperones and Students are aware of this new system as well as to oversee that the system is being implemented throughout the tour. Classroom Law Project will not be able to invite teachers back who do not take these concerns seriously.

Security Card (Chaperones)

At orientation, chaperones will receive a bright red Security Card to carry throughout the tour. It is to serve as a constant reminder of their responsibility that students must stay with chaperones at ALL times.

Signing In (Teachers)

Teachers are to visit the Security Desk when they enter the Multnomah County Courthouse to SIGN IN the group (in the lobby, to the right of the staircase).

Signing Out (Teachers): At the end of the tour, teachers will wait in the lobby for their "mini-groups" (chaperone + students). Chaperones report to the teacher that their group is complete, turn in their security cards, then proceed to their predetermined meeting spot. Groups SHOULD NOT wait in the lobby or directly in front of the building to avoid congestion. Once all "complete mini-groups" have been accounted for teacher Signs Out at the Security Desk, turns in all Security Cards, and joins everyone at the meeting spot.

The Sign In Book should remain at the Security Desk and not leave the building.

Thank you so much for your cooperation to make sure students are safe and receiving the best possible experience during their Courthouse Tour.