

# WVHS PLANETARIUM VISIT GUIDE

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## WVHS PLANETARIUM

- **Cost – \$300 per lesson (~ 60 minutes)** See below for payment procedure.
- **Lessons** - Taught by a certified science teacher. See this [Google Doc](#) for lesson descriptions.
- **Capacity** – Capacity is **66 total**. This includes ALL students, teachers, staff, wheelchairs, etc.
- **Seating** – 60 reclined planetarium seats (6 additional folding chairs).
- **Handicap Accessibility** – Maximum of 2 wheelchairs.
- **WVHS** – Planetarium visitors must not leave the planetarium's BLUE hallway.
- **Restrooms** – One single-stall restroom is in the blue hallway. It is kept locked. Ask for the key.

## VISITOR EXPECTATIONS

*All visitors (students & teachers) are expected to...*

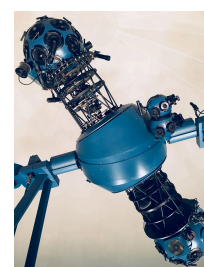
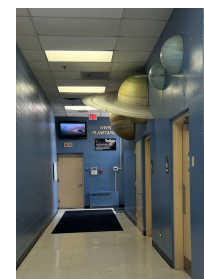
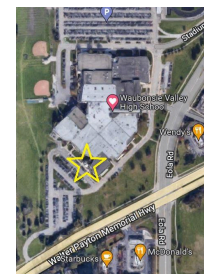
1. Respect the planetarium and school facilities.
2. Refrain from placing shoes on the seats.
3. Refrain from bringing beverages, gum, or food (unless for medical reasons).
4. Refrain from noise or light pollution (turn OFF all electronics & lights).

## ENTRANCE

- **DO NOT USE THE HIGH SCHOOL'S MAIN/ADMINISTRATIVE ENTRANCE.**
- **Exterior Door** – Door #11 is NOT visible from the parking lot. It is always locked.
- **Doorbell** – Found on the dome wall near door #11 (or knock). Bell can be heard inside the planetarium.
- **Bus Drop Off** – Buses should drop off students at the dome. There is a no-park zone between the preschool playground and the dome. **The preschool playground is NOT for planetarium visitors.**
- **Car Parking** – Email planetarium for a **parking permit** (permit includes map and instructions).

## PROCEDURES

- **To ensure a memorable and positive experience for every student, teachers should continue their classroom management strategies and be attentive to their students' needs and behavior.**
- **Arrival** – Send an adult to door #11 before unloading students from the buses to avoid waiting outside.
- **Seating** – Teachers/adults will seat their students. It is recommended that teachers/adults sit in the back.
- **Light Pollution** – Opening the planetarium door when the 'In Use Light' is on floods the planetarium with light pollution and creates a disruption to the lesson inside. Knock and wait. Light-up devices such as phones, watches, and shoes should not be used while in the dark environment of the planetarium.
- **School Closures** – If IPSD 204 closes, the planetarium will also be closed (no cancellation fee).
- **Cost & Payment - \$300 per lesson**
  - Bring **CASH** (no coins) or **CHECK** (payable to IPSD 204). **ONLINE** before arrival [Instructions here](#)
  - **A cancellation fee of \$100 per lesson** if the lesson can't be rescheduled (excludes weather closures).
  - Receipts & invoices are available upon request.



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