

Visit the New Jersey State House and Bring Your Civics Lessons to Life!

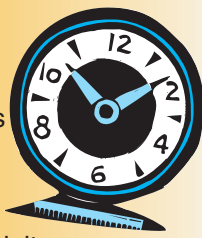


Tours

The State House Tour Office conducts educational tours six days a week.

All tours are booked on a first-come basis and are offered free of charge.

Attendance limits include adults.



State House Tour

Grades: 3-12 Attendance limit: 50

Program Length: 60 minutes

Schedule: Mon.-Sat.

Explore one of the oldest capitol buildings still in use. Visit the Senate and General Assembly Chambers and view historic spaces, art and architecture. Using age appropriate teaching techniques, students learn how laws are made and about a citizen's role in the process.



State House Sampler

Grades: 3-12 Attendance limit: 50

Program Length: 30 minutes

Schedule: Tues., Wed. & Fri.

Be dazzled by the splendor of the State House Rotunda. Students are given a brief overview of the legislative process in a committee room setting and become aware of New Jersey's vast cultural and industrial heritage illustrated by special artwork.



Rotunda Tour

Grades: K-12 Attendance limit: 50

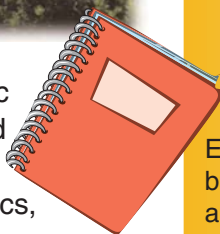
Program Length: 15 minutes

Schedule: Tues., Wed., Fri. & Sat.

Tight on time? Take a quick peek into the State House. Gaze upward and hear how craftspeople restored the State House Rotunda to its original grandeur. Discuss the structure and discover how domes reflect key principles of democracy.

Please Note: The State House is a working office building subject to unannounced room closings. Dates and schedules may change without notice. Closings are more likely to occur on Mondays and Thursdays while the Legislature is in session. The Governor and legislators do not routinely meet with tour groups.

A visit to New Jersey's most important public building is an exciting way to enhance and support your classroom curriculum. State House programs offer in-depth study of civics, New Jersey legislative history, art and architecture. Students witness the site where lawmaking happens and engage in lively activities that empower them to become involved citizens! **Call 609-633-2709 to schedule a visit.**



Instructional Programs

Make-A-Law!

Grades: 3-12

Maximum Attendance: 45 (includes adults)

Minimum Attendance: 15

Program Length: 30 minutes

Schedule: Monday-Friday

Students assume the role of lawmakers and learn the process of bill passage by demonstrating the skills of debate, discussion, negotiation, compromise and voting.



The State House Express!

Grades: 7-12

The Eagleton Institute of Politics is providing grants of \$300 for teachers of middle and high school classes to offset the expense of bringing students to the State



House. In addition to a full tour, "State House Express" students will participate in a *Make-A-Law!* mock-legislative session and visit the *Just in Jersey* exhibits.

The State House Tour Office will notify the school district's legislators of the visit and, when possible, help facilitate a meeting with them. Grant applications are available from the Tour Office or at www.eagleton.rutgers.edu

Just in Jersey!

Grades: All

Schedule: Monday-Friday • Welcome Center

Exciting multi-media exhibits offer something for everyone! Hands-on activities enlighten and entertain. Students can explore the history of the State House, fun facts about our State's famous people and places, and the lawmaking process. Choose a memento of your visit at the nearby Gift Shop!

Receive FREE materials too!

- **State House Activity Book:** Students grades 3-6 learn about the State House, State symbols and lawmaking through puzzles, games and activities.
- **How a Bill Becomes a Law in New Jersey:** A brief student level presentation of how new laws are enacted. Colorful cartoon illustrations highlight key points.
- **Glossary of Legislative Terms:** Definitions of terms used in the legislative environment.
- **Pastimes and Trivia:** High school students test their knowledge of NJ's legislative process and the people, places and events that have shaped our State's heritage.
- **Commemorative Sticker and Poster**



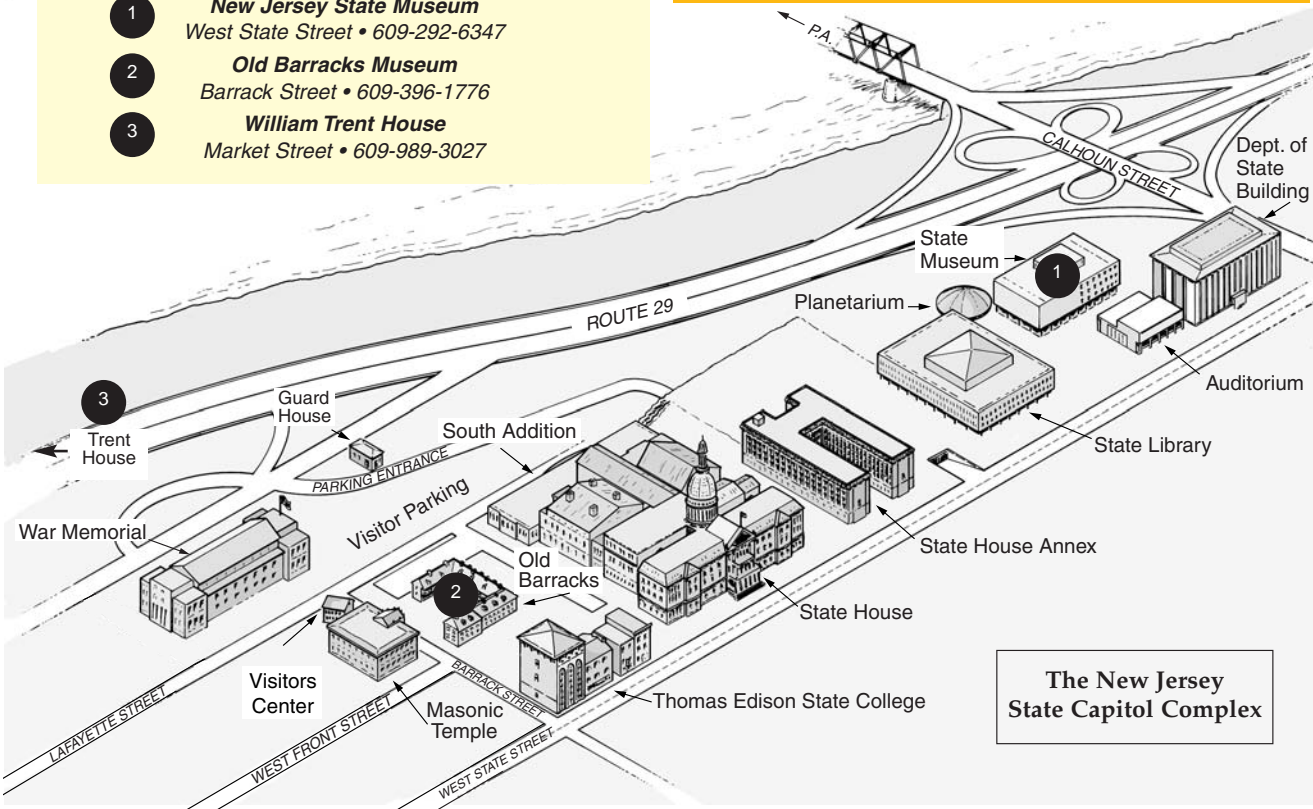
Make a day of it!

Visit other sites within walking distance of the State House.
For more information call the site or the Capital Region Visitors
Center at 609-777-1770.

- 1 New Jersey State Museum**
West State Street • 609-292-6347
- 2 Old Barracks Museum**
Barrack Street • 609-396-1776
- 3 William Trent House**
Market Street • 609-989-3027

Directions to the Capitol Complex

From Routes 1, 95, 195, 295 or the New Jersey Turnpike, follow signs to Route 29, Trenton. Once on 29, take the Calhoun Street exit. Turn right at the first traffic light on to West State Street. The Capitol Complex is on the right.



**The New Jersey
State Capitol Complex**

Follow these easy steps and call 609-633-2709 to plan your visit.

Make your visit to the New Jersey State House a memorable and rewarding experience by doing the following:

Call the State House Tour Office (609) 633-2709 and tell the reservationist:



- the school name, teacher's name(s), address and contact number
- the age/grade level of your group
- number of students and adults
- preferred and alternate dates and times
- choice of tour and activities
- any special needs or interests of the group.

Confirmations: Your contact will receive a confirmation letter containing your itinerary. Please review it carefully and call the Tour Office with any changes as soon as possible.



Late Arrivals: Every effort will be made to accomo-

date late arrivals. However, if a conflict occurs, the Tour Office reserves the right to adjust or shorten your program accordingly.

Access: Although the State House is barrier-free, tour routes may be modified to accommodate visitors with special needs. Personal belongings (i.e. backpacks, lunches and coats) must be carried with you on tour.

Lunch Facilities: An area for brown bag lunches is available within walking distance of the State House. Admission is by reservation only. *Please inquire in*

advance.

Outdoor picnicking is permitted in designated areas.

Rest rooms are available in the State House, the Annex and the Welcome Center.



Please Note:

Maximum group size, including chaperones, is 50. One chaperone per 10 students is required. If your group size exceeds 50, please schedule multiple tours. Adults must have official ID (license, passport).