

STEAM FAQ

Grades 1 to 12

What is STEAM?

STEAM [Science, Technology, Engineering, Art (+Design), and Math] promotes and positions art and design as equally critical in teaching twenty-first century skills, interwoven, not separated, from technical fields or subjects.

What is a STEAM tour?

Students will focus on themes of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art (+ Design), and Math through the lens of The Aldrich's current exhibitions. Through close observation and discussion, students will make cross-disciplinary connections between classroom learning and works of art.

What does a STEAM tour look like?

Students will visit four galleries, examine the work through discussion, and end with a design-based activity in the last gallery they visit.

What is the timeframe?

STEAM tours last for one and a half hours.

How many students can the Museum accommodate?

The Aldrich can accommodate up to 110 students at a time.

What is the cost?

The cost is \$4 per student. There is no charge for educators, chaperones, and adults accompanying the group.

Can my colleagues and I visit the Museum beforehand to view the exhibitions?

Admission to The Aldrich is free for educators. You may visit the Museum at any time during operating hours. With advance notice, a Museum Educator may be available to meet with you while you browse the galleries.

Are there pre- and post-visit materials I can introduce in my class?

Pre- and post-visit materials can be found in this guide.

My school is in a Title I district; does the Museum provide any funding?

The Aldrich is proud to be a resource for underserved schools. For all Title I STEAM tours, the Museum waives the per-student fee and offers bus funding.

If my students bring their lunches, is there a place where they can eat?

The Studio is available for students to eat lunch with advance notice. Larger groups are asked to stagger their lunch times, or if weather permits, to use our grounds to enjoy lunch outdoors.

Is the Museum wheelchair accessible?

The Aldrich is wheelchair accessible.

