

## Things to Know, Before You Go & Curriculum Overview

### APS High School to Apex Museum

#### About the Museum

Students will learn about the Underground Railroad and explore how slaves and abolitionists collaborated to make these attempts at freedom possible. The Museum's Storyteller-In-Residence will perform the story "Follow the Drinking Gourd" and lead a student discussion on verses of the story to identify the hidden meanings. Symbols of the Underground Railroad will be viewed to help students gain a deeper knowledge of how the north star and quilts mapped out the route to freedom.

#### Day-of Contact Information:

Venue: Apex Museum  
135 Auburn Avenue  
Atlanta, GA 30303

#### Contact Phone Number: Deborah Strahorn

404-523-2739

*This venue is located at 135 Auburn Avenue between Courtland Street and Piedmont Avenue. It is next door to the Auburn Avenue Research Library and across the street from Georgia State.*

#### Special Instructions:

#### Apex Museum Directions

##### *From North of Atlanta*

*Take 75/85 South to exit 249 A Courtland St. Go straight approximately 3 blocks to Auburn. Turn Left onto Auburn Avenue. Pass the African American Research Library, and park in front of APEX Museum. Park on Street in Front of Museum. **DO NOT PULL INTO PARKING LOT.***

##### *From South of Atlanta*

*Take 75/85 to Exit 248 Edgewood. Go straight 1 block and turn left on Auburn. Come down to Piedmont Ave. Turn Right onto Piedmont, at next light Left onto John Wesley Dobbs, at next light turn Left on Courtland, at next light turn Left onto Auburn and bus parking is available in front of building. Park on Street in Front of Museum. **DO NOT PULL INTO PARKING LOT.***

### **Bus Information**

*Bus parking for two Buses is available in front of the museum where buses unload. After unloading, buses can remain in front of museum or proceed to the Martin Luther King Center where bus parking is available behind the Natatorium. Go east on Auburn Ave. 4 blocks. Turn Left on Jackson Street, Turn Right on Irwin Street and park behind the Natatorium where buses can wait until tours have ended. Teachers can contact the drivers to tell them when to return.*

### **Arrival**

Students will be dropped off in front of the building and proceed to the side of the facility where the entry door is located. Once inside they will be directed to the Trolley Car Theatre where the activities begin with a video presentation.

### **Chaperones**

Chaperones should remain with students during the entire experience and monitor them once the classroom activity and guided portion and of the visit has ended.

### **Visitation Norms**

Students are supervised throughout their visit. After the guided portion of the tour they are allowed to walk through the museum on their own and visit the gift shop to purchase items. Gift shop is monitored so that only 5 students enter at a time to serve them in a more timely manner.

## **Georgia Performance Standards(GPS) – Curriculum Connection**

L6-8RST1; L6-8RH2; L6-8RH3; L6-8RH4; L6-8RH7; L6-8WHST1