

Teacher Study Program FAQs

What is the Teacher Study Program?

The Teacher Study Program is designed to give Florida VPK, K-12 teachers, Assistant Principals, and Principals, an opportunity to plan and/or prepare for a field trip to The Florida Aquarium.

It entitles the program participant complimentary admission to The Florida Aquarium through August 31st, 2018.

Who is eligible?

All VPK, K-12 Florida teachers, Assistant Principals, and Principals currently teaching in a Florida public, private, or charter school. The following are **NOT eligible** for the Teacher Study Program:

- Administrators (other than Assistant Principals and Principals)
- Guidance counselors
- Homeschool teachers
- School psychologists, nurses, and speech language pathologists
- Teaching assistants, or aides
- College and university faculty
- Support staff
- Out of state (non-Florida) teachers

What is required for a teacher to receive a Teacher Study Program card?

Complete the Teacher Study Program application online at least 72 hours prior to your first visit

- **Public School Teachers/Assistant Principals:** Provide your Florida Department of Education Certificate number.
- **Private School Teachers/Assistant Principals:** If you are certified through the Florida Department of Education, provide your certificate number. If you do not have Florida DOE certificate, provide a letter from your Principal certifying employment.
- **Principals:** If you are certified through the Florida Department of Education, provide your certificate number. If you do not have a Florida DOE certificate, provide a letter from your direct supervisor (e.g., Board Chair, School District Supervisor).

What is a Florida DOE certificate number?

Your DOE certificate number is found on your Florida Department of Education Educator's Certificate. It is **NOT** your Lawson number, or school ID number.

How long does it take to receive a Teacher Study Program card?

Approval may take up to 72 hours. Please submit your application at least 72 hours prior to your first visit. After approval, if you would like to visit the aquarium prior to receiving your card in the mail, you may present photo ID at the ticket window, or guest services for admission. Your card will be mailed within 2-3 weeks of approval.



What if the teacher wants to bring their children/friends/family with them to the aquarium?

Only the teacher's admission will be complimentary with a photo ID. All other guests pay full admission price. If the child/friend/family member has a membership, the membership holder must also be present.

Is the Teacher Study Program an annual membership?

The Teacher Study Program is NOT a membership or annual pass to The Florida Aquarium. The Teacher Study Program provides complimentary admission for the designated teacher only. It does not entitle the teacher to any membership benefits. The Teacher Study Program card is active after the application is approved, and expires on August 31st, 2018. The teacher will need to re-apply for the following school year.

What if a teacher would like to purchase an annual membership?

Florida Teachers can upgrade to a party of two or higher by trading in their Teacher Study Program card for a Membership card. The discounted rates for teachers are listed below. To by-pass the Teacher Study Program and purchase a discounted membership you can contact Membership directly with your DOE certificate number and the name of your school. The teacher must be a primary person listed on the membership. Memberships include free parking, discounts in the café, gift shop, and much more!

Teacher Study Program	Party of 2	Party of 3	Party of 4	Party of 5	Party of 6	Party of 7	Party of 8
\$0	\$35	\$60	\$80	\$100	\$115	\$130	\$145

To purchase a membership, or for any questions regarding annual memberships, contact our Membership department at (813)-273-4000 x4030.

No refunds will be given to existing memberships. Memberships are valid for one year.

Do teachers get free admission the day of their field trip?

Not necessarily- all teachers and membership holders are counted as chaperones on field trip days. One chaperone is free for every 10 students during a field trip. Teachers may choose to designate themselves as a free chaperone; however, they will not receive free admission above and beyond this ratio. The Teacher Study Program card **cannot** be used for admission during a field trip.

Can I apply for the Teacher Study Program in person?

No. The Teacher Study Program application must be completed online 72 hours prior to your first visit. Walk ups will pay full admission price.

Please contact Education Reservations at education@flaquarium.org, or (813)-273-4015 for further questions, or if you have not received your card by mail within 3 weeks of approval.

