



## **Private Tours and School Tours of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly**

A visit to the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly Building is a great way to help people of all ages learn about the unique style of Consensus Government practiced in the NWT.

There are **two tour options** to consider:

1. The Session Visit Program takes approximately one hour and fifteen minutes (details below) and is available when the Assembly is in session. For this program, please refer to the [house planning calendar](#) to select a date when the Assembly will be sitting, then e-mail [LA\\_PAC@ntassembly.ca](mailto:LA_PAC@ntassembly.ca) to book your tour.

Please note that Session begins at 1:30 pm from Monday – Thursday and 10:00 am on Fridays. As such, Session Visits typically begin approximately 45 minutes before Session begins.

The Legislative Assembly can only accommodate 1 school tour per day for the Session Visit Program.

2. A group or class can come to the Legislature for a Legislative Assembly Building tour, which takes about 45 minutes. This option is popular with tour groups and school groups visiting outside of Session dates.

### **Session Visit Program**

Includes:

- An introduction to the Legislative Assembly Building and Mace of the Northwest Territories
- Meet and Greet in the Great Hall by the MLA who represents your school (By availability)
- Posing for a group photo with your school's MLA
- Observing the proceedings from the Public Gallery
- A tour of the Symbols Room and the Caucus Room

**Note:** Occasionally, program schedules may need to be altered depending on Assembly business.

## **Teachers: Preparing for Your Visit**

To help your class prepare for the program, you may want to have your students write a few questions that they can ask their MLA during their visit.

You can find your school and student's constituencies on Elections NWT's [interactive](#) or [printable](#) maps.

Learn about your MLA by reading their biography on the Legislative Assembly website: [Members of the 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly](#)

Find more information at the following webpages:

[The Role of an MLA](#)

[Election of the Speaker, Premier and Ministers](#)

[How a Bill Becomes a Law](#)

[Educational Resources](#)

Video: [How a Bill Becomes a Law](#)

Video: [The Three Branches of Government](#)

## **Arrival**

- The Legislative Assembly will arrange transportation *for schools only* coming from Yellowknife, Ndilo and Dettah. The bus will arrive at your school fifteen to twenty minutes prior to the start time of your tour.
  - Please leave student backpacks, cellphones and any large items at school, if possible.
- Please remove all hats upon entry into the Legislative Assembly building.

## **Conduct**

The Legislative Building is a working office building. Teachers, group leaders, and chaperones must take full responsibility for the conduct of the group while they are in the building. Please ensure that your group is aware of this, and that they are as quiet as possible while on the premises.

While on tour:

- photos are permitted (see Public Gallery section below for further clarification)
- cell phones should not be used except to take photos
- audio-visual recording is not permitted
- selfie sticks and tripods are not permitted
- food and drinks are not permitted

While seated in the Public Gallery:

- headgear must be removed, except for religious wear
- food and drinks are not permitted

- cameras and electronic devices are not permitted
- cell phones are not permitted and must be left outside of the Public Gallery at the coat check
- visitors must remain quiet, and not participate in the proceedings (e.g., no clapping or waving)
- visitors should rise for the Speaker's Procession and prayer and be seated for the remainder of the time. Tour groups may also be asked to stand if their group is being recognized by the Speaker. Look to your Tour Guide for direction.

## **Questions?**

If you have any questions, please contact us.

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