LANCASTER SCIENCE FACTORY
CHAPERONE GUIDELINES

To ensure the safety of all visitors, the Lancaster Science Factory requires one adult chaperone for every four students in grades 3 and below and one adult chaperone for every five students in grades 4 and above.

We have often been asked “What makes a good chaperone?” Besides the obvious “no running, inside voices, and taking turns,” Lancaster Science Factory requires that chaperones adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Chaperones should be assigned to a particular group of children. Keep your group with you (think of a 10 foot circle) and be attentive at all times (staying off of the phone, etc.). Please do not release the children to be on their own.

2. Read the instructions and descriptions for each exhibit before you allow anyone to try it.

3. Help the children to be gentle with the exhibits.

4. Have the children predict what will happen when they try the experiment or build the project. Activity guides are available to help you! You can also ask questions of a staff member or volunteer.

5. For after-school groups, we suggest that you give the children some brief recreation time before coming to the Lancaster Science Factory. Help them understand that this is not a playground but a continuation of their learning experience, as in school.

6. Should anyone in your group be injured, please bring them to the front desk so that proper medical attention may be given and an accident report can be completed.