



INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY PAGE PROGRAM



Indiana House of
Representatives

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Indiana General Assembly is a part-time legislature and meets for approximately 10-weeks in even-numbered years, and 16-weeks in odd-numbered years. During this time, things are very fast-paced and exciting as the legislators are hard at work getting bills passed so that they can become laws. During these 10 or 16 weeks, the General Assembly meets for committees as well as session, which all members participate in, to vote on bills Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday. On Wednesdays only committees are held.

Students may pick between Paging for the Indiana Senate, or the Indiana House of Representatives. Both offer a unique, but similar experience.

Parents, legal guardians, or chaperones must accompany Pages to the Page Office in the morning for check-in. They must additionally return to the Page Office for check-out at the end of the day. Pages are not permitted to drive themselves unless they are of legal driving age and have a Consent Form signed by their parents or legal guardian. Parents, legal guardians, or chaperones are welcome and encouraged to stay for all or part of the day. However, they will not be able to join when Page's go to the floor to observe session. Instead, we kindly ask that those who wish to observe do so from the gallery on the fourth floor or outside of the chamber on the third floor.

TYPICAL SESSION DAY SCHEDULE

8:30-9:00am	Registration and check-in.	<i>Page Office Room E032, Government Center South 302 W Washington St, Indianapolis, IN 46204</i>
9:00-9:10am	Welcome and overview of the day.	
9:10-9:55am	Tour of the State House.	<i>Indiana State House 200 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204</i>
10:00-10:15am	Pages – introduction to General Assembly Member's staff and intern; Parents – proceed to the Gallery of either the House or the Senate to observe the mock bill activity.	
10:15-11:00am	Mock Bill Activity.	
11:15-12:45pm	Lunch at Government Center South Cafeteria, lunch may be purchased or brought from home.	
12:45-1:00pm	Prepare for Legislative Session and proceed to the Chamber to observe.	
1:00-3:00pm	Legislative Session, as well as an opportunity to take photos with elected officials.	
3:00-3:30pm	Return to Page Office, write thank you letters to their General Assembly member, and prepare for dismissal.	

GROUP PAGE DAY INFORMATION

Group Page days must be set up with the Page Program Director and are only held on Wednesdays. Since there is no session on Wednesdays, the schedule for the day looks a little different and includes: the State House Tour, the Mock Bill Activity, one or two speakers, observing committee meetings, and a photo with a member of the General Assembly when possible. To schedule your group please reach out to the Page Program Director at (317) 232-9410.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can children not old enough to participate in the Page Program tag along during the day?

No. We kindly ask that just the students old enough to participate (grades 6-12).

Where can I park?

We cannot provide parking spaces for your visit to the State House. State parking garages and lots on campus are reserved for state employees' use only during business hours. There are limited electronic parking meters around the building. As a courtesy, we have listed parking facilities close by:

Capitol Commons Garage, 284 W Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204

Court Street Garage, 33 N Capitol Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46204

Market Tower Parking Garage, 139 N Illinois St, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Circle Centre Parking Garage, 30 W. Georgia, Indianapolis, IN 46225

Where can I go to eat?

There is a designated lunch time for all Pages to go to the Government Center South Cafeteria. In the Cafeteria there is pizza, smoothie, coffee, a salad bar, sushi, and several other options. Students who are over 18 are permitted to go to lunch on their own, as well as parents. Please be prepared to spend at least \$15 if students plan on purchasing lunch. Additionally, there is additionally a Snack Shack inside of the Indiana State House that offers a few less expensive options. Listed below are a few restaurants to eat within a block of the State House:

Café Patachou, 225 W Washington St, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Loughmiller's Pub & Eatery, 301 W Washington St, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Lincoln Square Pancake House, 150 W Market St, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Thai Paradise, 137 W Market St, Indianapolis, IN 46204

What should I wear?

The General Assembly is a professional work environment and has a strict dress code for those going out on the floor during session. Having appropriate attire is very important. Also be aware of the type of shoes that you wear. There is a lot of walking throughout the day, so make sure to wear comfortable, yet professional footwear.

Examples of appropriate attire for males: suits, sport coats, slacks, collared shirts, or sweaters. Ties are recommended but not required.

Examples of appropriate attire for females: a skirt or dress (no shorter than fingertip length), dress slacks, blouse or sweater set. If you wear leggings, you must have fingertip length top. If you wear a dress or skirt, tights or stockings are required. Shoulders must also be covered.

Examples of attire that is not appropriate: denim, cropped shirts, cropped pants (pedal pushers, or capris), miniskirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, flip-flops, hats, novelty t-shirts, rompers, tank tops, or tennis shoes.

