SCHOOL & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

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WHAT WE DO

The Seattle Architecture Foundation (SAF) provides engaging STEAM based programs that inspire people to deepen their understanding of design and its impact. Through our educational programs SAF engages youth in exploring architecture as a visual record of our collective history, a force that shapes our daily lives, and a blueprint for our future.

OUR MISSION

SAF connects people to the architecture, design, and history of Seattle. We believe the more you engage with design, the more you feel connected to your changing city. As a volunteer driven organization, we provide programs which empower you to make a difference in your community.

TOURS WE OFFER:

Eye Spy Seattle (suggested for grades K-5)

Join us on our Eye Spy Seattle architectural walking tour for a chance to see architectural highlights – old and new – in the heart of Downtown Seattle. Activities keep kids engaged along the way while our guides lead you on a tour with stops including the 5th Avenue Theater and the Central Seattle Public Library.

From Skid Row to Skyscrapers (suggested for grades 6-8)

Follow the history of Seattle and its buildings as we visit Seattle’s oldest neighborhoods. Students will learn about multiple styles of architecture and get a crash course on the history of Washington’s largest city, chronicling Seattle’s rise from small logging town to one of the tech capitols of the world. Featured stops include Occidental Square and the Federal Building.
WORKSHOPS WE OFFER:

Skyscrapers *(suggested for grades 5-8)*
Explore the challenges of building tall in the Pacific Northwest. Youth are introduced to the physics, engineering, and design behind skyscrapers and the factors that bring them down, earthquakes and wind. Participants are then challenged to build their own skyscraper.

Green Building *(suggested for grades 5-8)*
Human actions are currently disrupting the planet’s natural balance. Architects and designers are trying new ways to design with a positive environmental impact. Youth learn modern techniques used in green building and are challenged to develop the building of the future.

Housing Density *(suggested for grades 3-8)*
Seattle has a housing crisis. What can architects do to solve it? Youth learn different ways designers try to solve this social issue at the individual and community level. They are then faced with the challenge of designing their own solution.

After School Programs
SAF Design Instructors develop and lead after-school programs that include hands-on activities such as model building, group discussion and games about architecture, design, and community issues. These occur after school as a series and run once a week for 7 to 14 weeks.

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