

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Detroit Science Center recommends that all students in school groups visiting ***Our Body: The Universe Within*** exhibit receive permission from their parents or guardians prior to their visit. Please note because of the content below, the Science Center recommends this exhibit for students' 12 or more years of age.

By signing this form, you acknowledge that your child has permission to view the exhibition with a teacher, school, school supervisor or other school representative. If you do not wish for your child to see this exhibit, please ask the teacher to make other arrangements.

The primary educational goals of *Our Body: The Universe Within* exhibit are health science, human anatomy and physiology. Over 150 specimens provide insight into the major systems and organs of the human body. In addition, the exhibit conveys powerful lessons about the form, function and beauty of the human body and how everything works together. Students come to understand that people are as unique on the inside as they are on the outside, as each human body is distinctly different from every other.

*Our Body: The Universe Within* exhibit displays specimens preserved through an inventive process called polymer impregnation process. This is a process that replaces the natural fluids in the body with fluid plastics. The use of plastics for preservation means that the specimens are odorless and completely dry. The polymer impregnation process allows the bodies to be fixed into life-like poses, illustrating how our bodies are structured and how they function when performing everyday activities. Students will understand how the body works when it's healthy and what happens when it breaks down.

The Detroit Science Center has prepared educational materials to aid teachers in their understanding and planning for your students visit to the exhibit.

Important information to know about *Our Body: The Universe Within*:

Most of the bodies are without skin so students can observe human bones, muscles, tendons, nerves, and blood vessels. Some bodies have the external genitals exposed.

A separate section highlights prenatal development including real human embryos and fetuses. Visitors may choose whether or not to view this area.

An additional program at the Science Center that complement *Our Body: The Universe Within* include the IMAX film *The Human Body*. It is the decision of the school whether to add this to your student's Body experience.

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(Print Student's Name) \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to view the *Our Body: The Universe Within* exhibit at the Detroit Science Center.

Parent/Guardian Name  
(Please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian  
(Signature): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_