

BM-BIOAS's Admission Policy Breaches New York State Law

Free Admission Written in Law	Current Admissions Policy
<p>See: Chapter 172 of the Laws of the State of New York of 1890</p> <p>"Sec. 3 the museums and libraries ... shall be open and free to the public and private schools of said city, at all reasonable times, and open to the general public on such terms of admission as shall be approved by the mayor and park commissioner ..." [emphasis added]</p> <p>NOTE: BM is one of four institutions to operate under the umbrella of BIOAS and is required to provide free admission to New York City public and private schools as written in Chapter 172 [see HISTORY OF BIOAS].</p>	<p>See: Tickets/Visit</p> <p>Visitors 19 and under, and care partners, are provided free access. All other non-Member visitors are charged a <i>suggested</i> admission with a recommended amount. Minimum fee is \$1.00. BM-BIOAS also charges a fixed, mandatory fee for "Ticketed Exhibitions," which are free to care partners and children ages three and under.</p>
<p>BM-BIOAS's ADMISSION POLICY DOES NOT COMPLY with Chapter 172 of 1890 because it:</p> <p>[1] Does not provide free access to New York City public and private schools.</p> <p>[2] Denies New York City public and private schools open and free access to "Ticketed Exhibitions."</p>	

Free access to the PEC institutions is unique to New Yorkers and is provided for in the laws and contracts applicable to the PPP structure. Stewards of PEC institutions may choose to charge an admission fee to other visitors.