

NYHSCI's Admission Policy Does Not Meet the Provisions of a December 8, 1965 License Agreement with the City and the Provisions of New York State Law

Free Admission Written in License Agreement and New York State Law	Current Admissions Policy
<p>See: July 23, 1969, Agreement, amending a December 8, 1965, Agreement between the City of New York and the Hall of Science of the City of New York, Inc., refers to Section 532-17.0 of the New York City Administrative Code [research did not uncover] and to Chapter 734 of the Laws of the State of New York of 1963 [research did not uncover]. The 1969 Agreement did not amend NINTH in the 1965 Agreement which provided:</p> <p>“NINTH: The Corporation is hereby expressly authorized to furnish opportunities and facilities for study, research and publication in connection with the Hall of Science and the exhibits thereat by establishing classes, lectures, a library, laboratory exercises and such other approved methods as may be desirable; and may charge an admission fee which shall be fixed by it and approved by the Commissioner, for lectures, classes or activities other than ordinary exhibition of said exhibits; but, subject to the rules and regulations of the Corporation, all professors and teachers of the public schools of the City of New York or other institutions of learning in said City in which instruction is given free of charge shall be admitted to all the advantages afforded by the Corporation for study, research and investigation free of any charge therefor” [emphasis added]</p> <p>NOTE: The 1969 Amending and the 1965 Agreement were produced by New York City’s Department of Cultural Affairs [DCA] in response to FA’s Freedom of Information Law [FOIL] request. Each of Section 532-17.0 of the New York City Admin. Code and Chapter 734 of the Laws of the State of New York of 1963 should be produced and properly and legally scrutinized regarding compliance by the two Agreements. Generally, State laws supersede City agreements.</p>	<p>See: Tickets/Visit</p> <p>NYHSCI waives any fee for Members and charges a mandatory, fixed fee amount for children ages 2-17, students, adults 18 and older and senior citizens. When fully operational, NYSCI offers “Free Hour” tickets between 2 and 5 pm on Fridays and reciprocal or free admission tickets to participating groups and organizations.</p>

NYHSCI's ADMISSION POLICY DOES NOT COMPLY with the provisions of a December 8, 1965, and Amending July 23, 1969, Agreements because it:

[1] Denies all professors and teachers of New York City's public schools or of institutions where instruction is given free of charge, to free admission during all operating hours.

[2] Denies all New Yorkers the right to visit the "ordinary exhibition of said exhibits" free of charge; i.e., there should not be an "entry" fee. New Yorkers should be able to enter NYHSCI without the payment of a fee if our purpose is to only view the exhibits. As FA interprets the text, a fee is charged only when NYHSCI provides "lectures, classes or activities" regarding the exhibits.

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.