

ACCESS TO THE APS BY MINORS

Minors (defined as anyone under the age of 18) are permitted access to the Advanced Photon Source (APS) for research-focused visits, educational and outreach programs, tours, and personal visits.

Minors 16 and older must be cleared for site access using the Argonne gate pass system. The gate passes must be worn during the visit per Laboratory rules.

There are specific requirements for minors accessing the APS experiment floor and conducting hands-on work. In general, the following guidelines apply:

Age Range of Minor	Visit non-work and public areas (e.g., cafeteria, office spaces)	Visit select non-public areas to <i>observe</i> scientific facilities (no hands-on)	Participate in Lab-sponsored tours	Can conduct approved hands-on work
Under 12	✓		✓	
Age 12-15	✓	✓	✓	
Age 16-18	✓	✓	✓	✓

Minors visiting public areas of the APS do not require approval by the APS management or safety staff. Public areas at APS include the main lobby, experiment hall viewing gallery, Building 401 fifth floor overlook, and the Building 402 auditorium and gallery. **The APS experiment hall floor is not a public area.** Visits to LOM office spaces need to be authorized by APS management/safety staff.

Research-Focused Visits: Minors must be at least 16 years of age to participate in a research-focused visit. Minors participating hands-on in a research-focused, approved program must submit the following documents/approvals in advance of any activity:

- ANL-1192 “Addendum to Master User Agreement for Authorizing the Presence of Minors at Participating Argonne National Laboratory User Facilities,” which documents that the institution hosting the activity acknowledges the Laboratory policy on minors and accepts liability for the minor’s activities under the auspices of the institution’s Master User Agreement.
- ANL-1193 “Agreement and Authorization to Permit Minor Access to Argonne User Facility,” which documents both minor and parental consent for participation and acknowledgment of rules and regulations for minors conducting work at the APS.
- If applicable, any program-specific documentation required for minor participation.
- Approval from APS management.
- Additional safety- and policy-related requirements specific to minors (including hosting guidelines specific to handling minors) must be adhered to.

Questions: Contact the User Program Office at 630-252-9090 or apsuser@aps.anl.gov .