

# Tour of First Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth, Burial Grounds and The Snyder Academy

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**Grade Levels:** 7-12

**Program:** Elizabethtown, 1664-1826

**Program Description:** Students will learn about the founding of Elizabethtown in 1664 on the very spot where the first colonial assembly met, the first religious congregation was formed, the first school and college were founded and where several generations of prominent leaders and thinkers shaped the development of Elizabeth, New Jersey and the United States. Using the campus and its historical resources as artifacts, students will be exposed to history, government, geography, art, architecture, education, religion, sociology, economics and archeology.

**Program Length:** The program length can vary depending on the amount of time available for the field trip. The program can be offered as a stand-alone 90 minute tour. It can include a 30 minute lunch break and an additional 30 minute art project if time is available. It can also include a visit to Boxwood Hall. All of these elements can be combined together for a full day field trip from 9:30-1:30.

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**Maximum number of students per day:** 100 students in total.

**Logistical considerations:** Tours can be scheduled throughout the academic year. Please book tours two weeks in advance. Large groups will be divided into groups of 20-25 and rotate through the First Presbyterian Church, burial grounds, Snyder Academy and Boxwood Hall. Students are asked to pack a complete lunch. The Snyder Academy has a kitchen and adjacent function room where students can store and eat their lunches. Students should dress appropriately for the weather. They will spend time outside as they tour the burial grounds and walk back and forth to Boxwood Hall. Teachers will be provided with pre and post-visit packets that include activities designed to familiarize students with vocabulary and geography relating to the site and its history covered during the field trip. Please advise in advance if there are students with physical limitations that would prohibit use of stairs. We require one chaperone for every 10 students.

**Program cost:** \$5.00 per student with one free teacher/chaperone for every 10 students. No charge for one-on-one aides or school nurse. The program is offered to Elizabeth schools at a 20% off discount from our standard school program fee.