**Q & A about Science and Mathematics Education Institute Digital Planetarium:**

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**On the day of the presentations, when will the planetarium and SMEI staff arrive at the school? How long will they stay?**

We arrive 30 minutes prior to the first session. This gives us time to set up the planetarium and address any technical issues that may arise. **Remember to include time in your schedule for presenter to eat lunch!**

**How big is the planetarium? Where will you set up?**

The planetarium is 11 feet high with a diameter of 16 feet. It will **not** fit inside a classroom. **It cannot be set up outside.** The best location is in a gym (without PE classes in session) or on an auditorium stage (must be clear enough for students to enter/exit safely. Participants will be sitting on the floor no chairs allowed.

**How many students can fit inside at one time?**

This really depends on the age/size of your students. For elementary students, 25-30 students can fit comfortably; for middle school students, 20-25 students can fit comfortably. If you have students with special needs (wheelchair, claustrophobia, autism, etc), please inform the presenter so they can provide the appropriate accommodations.

**How long is each presentation?**

We offer shows from 20 to 45 minutes long. You can choose the length that best fits your schedule. Students need at least 10 minutes between shows to enter/exit.

**Who should accompany students?**

There must be a staff member in each session with presenter to manage student behavior. You may **not** drop your students off or leave the dome during a presentation. You may rotate with other teachers to attend the sessions; however, they must be able to manage your students’ behavior. If student behavior cannot be managed by a staff member, we reserve the right to end that session.