



STEAM Academy at Stanley Middle School

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the purpose of the STEAM Academy at Stanley Middle School?

The STEAM Academy at Stanley Middle provides a layered approach to the Core Curriculum incorporating the five strands of STEAM. The Academy will use Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking.

2. What are the requirements for admissions to the Academy?

Students must be in good standing including appropriate attendance, behavior, and academics. Parent/legal guardian must be residents of Gaston County.

3. Who can apply to the STEAM Academy at Stanley Middle School?

Incoming sixth grade students may apply.

4. What are the requirements for continued enrollment?

Parent/legal guardian must maintain residency in Gaston County. Students must be in good standing including appropriate attendance, behavior, and academics.

5. What will my child gain from this program?

Students will have the opportunity to learn in a hands-on learning and problem-solving learning environment. Students will have a variety of core plus (elective) courses to choose from which currently include: Art, Band, Chorus, Spanish, PE/Health; Medical Science, Engineering; and Computer Science. Students also have the opportunity to qualify to take up to four high school credit courses which include: Math 1, Spanish 1, World History and Earth and Environmental Science. Every student will also participate in over one of 30 STEAM Clubs which meet bi-monthly during the school day.

6. What happens after I complete the STEAM Academy at Stanley Middle School?

You may pursue enrollment at either the Health Sciences Academy at East Gaston High School or the Technology and Industrial Engineering Academy at Bessemer City High School. Both of these programs have specific eligibility requirements.

7. What is the earliest I can drop my child off and the latest I can pick up my child?

7:40am Drop Off and 4:00pm Pick Up



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