



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?

The core courses in each grade will be infused as follows: 6th grade will focus on Technology, creating a foundation of knowledge and skills; 7th grade will continue to build on their technology foundation while adding the perspective of the Arts in their core classes; 8th grade students will apply the concept of Engineering in all of their core courses. All Core Plus (elective) courses are designed to support students' areas of interest as well as enhance the STEAM experience for them.

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

You may pursue either the Health Sciences Academy at East Gaston High School or the Technology and Industrial Engineering Academy at Bessemer City High School.

7. What options are available at the middle school level for the STEAM Academy at Stanley Middle School?

Students will have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience through courses like Earth and Environmental Science, Medical Science, and Engineering.



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8. What opportunities will be available because of my enrollment in the STEAM Academy at Stanley Middle School?

The Academy will offer over 30 STEAM Clubs during the school day. In addition, all students receive a Chromebook for use during the school day and at home.

9. Are there any additional requirements for students in the STEAM Academy at Stanley Middle School?

Students must be willing to commit to the Academy's Objectives and extra curricular activities as well as all other school expectations.

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

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