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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 - science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics

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 STEAM Academy seeks to embed the strands of science, technology, engineering, arts, and math into the NC Standard Course of Study. All students are given the opportunity to choose elective courses in the arts (Art, Band, Chorus, Spanish), engineering, computer science, and health sciences. Students also have exposure to various learning opportunities and exploration in STEAM related careers.

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 learning experiences in all courses. Unique course offerings include Earth and Environmental Science, Health Sciences, Computer 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?

In addition to innovative and hands-on learning opportunities in all classes, students at Stanley Middle School will have the option to participate in one of over 30 STEAM Clubs offered during the school day. Over their middle school career, students will have opportunities to interact with professionals in STEAM related careers.

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

Students can be dropped off as early as 7:50 a.m.. Students must be picked up by 3:50 p.m..