

STEM Academy at Showalter



Student Application Packet 2025-2026 Academic Year

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STEM Academy 2025-26 Student Admissions Requirements and Procedures

Greetings and thank you for your interest in STEM Academy. Our admissions process for prospective students in 2025-26 will be completely electronic. **Please read the following information carefully in preparation to begin your application. At the conclusion of this letter, you will find a link to begin your application.**

The Online Application will collect the following personal information. In order to process your application, please ensure that you enter accurate and up-to-date information. Be mindful that all communication regarding admissions will be through email, so it is very important to enter correct student and parent email addresses. **Be sure to double check the accuracy of the email addresses entered on the application.**

Entering an incorrect email will result in delayed review of your application:

- Student Name
- Parent/Guardian Name
- Primary Phone
- Primary Address (In order to be considered for admission, students must reside within the Chester Upland School District)
- Student Email
- Parent Email
- Two teacher references (their email addresses must be entered)

Following the submission of the Online Application, students will receive a confirmation email acknowledging receipt and regarding next steps. Please note this email will not indicate whether a student has been accepted.

Also following submission of the Online Application, the Office Verification process will begin. For students attending the following public or charter schools: **STEM Academy, Toby Farms Middle School, Edgemont Scholars Academy, Chester High School, and Chester Community Charter School**, office verification forms will be completed automatically. For students attending other schools, it is the student's responsibility to have all required documents to **stemacademyadmissions@chesteruplandsd.org**

- Office Verification includes:
 - Most Recent Report Card (Students applying to Grade 9)
 - Most Recent Transcript (Students applying to Grades 10-12)
 - Attendance Report for 2024-25 School Year
 - Discipline Report for 2024-25 School Year
 - IEP and/or 504 Plan (if applicable)
 - ****Admissions acceptances may be revoked if an applicant does not disclose complete, up to date IEP information with their application**

Applications will not be reviewed until all required documents have been submitted.

- An Admissions Essay and Math Screener which will be administered by members of the STEM Academy Admissions Team
- Interviews may be scheduled for qualified applicants.

Admissions Criteria

- Student must have a minimum 2.5 grade point average for the current school year.
- Student must have fewer than fifteen (15) unexcused absences for the current school year.
- Student disciplinary history will be considered as part of the admissions process.
- Student will write an essay describing their purpose for attending a school focused on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

Exceptions

- A student interview may be waived if the student exceeds all aforementioned admission criteria.
- A student may submit an application if they do not meet all of the aforementioned admission criteria. The applicant may or may not be granted an interview.
- If a student does not meet one (1) of the aforementioned admission criteria, they may be admitted on an academic probationary status with a successful student/parent interview.

Admissions Timeline

February: STEM Academy representatives visit Toby Farms, Edgemont Scholars Academy and Chester Community Charter School

April 8: The 2025-26 Application will become available on the STEM Academy Homepage

May 30: The Early Admission Period closes – in order to qualify for early admission, application must be submitted. Students applying from schools other than those mentioned above must also submit Office Verification Documents by May 16 to meet the Early Admission Deadline

April: Student Essay & Screener Visits – STEM Academy Admissions Team will visit schools during this time to administer the Admissions Essay

June-9: Decision letters will be sent (via email) to those students who submitted their applications prior to May 30

June 1 – August 1: Rolling Admissions Period for applications received after May 30. Decisions will be returned within four weeks of submission of complete application.

Chester Upland School District Enrollment

Students currently attending Charter, Private, or non-CUSD schools must complete enrollment prior to their 2025-26 Application being considered complete. Enrollment is separate from the STEM Admissions process, and all students entering the Chester Upland School District must complete enrollment prior to beginning school. Students' seats will not be secured at STEM Academy until the Enrollment process is complete.

Click Here:

[2024-25 New Student Application](#)