

STEM Academy at Showalter



Student Application Packet 2019-2020 Academic Year

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Admissions

Student Admissions Requirements and Procedures

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Any student wishing to apply for admission to the STEM Academy at Showalter must submit a completed application packet that includes:

- Student's most recent report card (middle school) or transcript (high school)
- Attendance profile from the current school year
- Discipline profile from the current school year
- Student Personal Statement
- Two Teacher Recommendations
- Full and complete Individual Education Program (IEP)
- Most recent state testing results in Math, English/Reading, and Science (if applicable)

Additionally, students must complete an interview on the STEM Academy campus.

Admissions Criteria

- Student must have no less than a 2.5 grade point average from the current school year.
- Student must have no more than fifteen (15) unexcused absences from the current school year.
- Student must score no less than a two (2) on the essay grading rubric.
- Major disciplinary incidents (fights, threats, possession of drugs, alcohol, or weapons) will be considered in admission determinations.
- Please note that 8th Graders who attend STEM Academy must re-apply for admission to high school.

Exceptions

- A parent/student interview may be waived if the student exceeds all aforementioned admission criteria.
- A student may submit an application if he/she does not meet all of the aforementioned admission criteria. The applicant may or may not be granted an interview.
- If a student is granted admission to STEM Academy but does not meet one (1) of the aforementioned admission criteria, he/she may be admitted on an academic probationary status with a successful student/parent interview.
- **Students admitted on academic probationary status must have parents attend a certain number of parent engagement activities while the student is on academic probation.**



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Student Admissions Packet

Please print legibly in the spaces provided below.

Student's Name: _____

Grade Entering: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone(H): _____
Phone(W): _____
Phone(C): _____

Parent Email Address: _____

Current School Information

Name of Current School: _____

School Address: _____

Phone: _____
Fax: _____

Current GPA: _____

Student's Date of Birth: _____

Have any of your siblings attended STEM Academy at Showalter? Yes No

If yes, please provide the name(s): _____

Does your parent/guardian work in the Chester Upland School District? Yes No

If yes, please provide the name(s): _____



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Submission Checklist

Please place the student's initials in each space to indicate that the requested information has been included with the admissions application. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed until all necessary components are submitted.

- ___ Student Application
- ___ Student Personal Statement (750 words or less for high school/500 words or less for middle school)
- ___ Two Teacher Recommendations (In sealed envelope with teacher's signature across seal)
- ___ Office verification (In sealed envelope with office staff's signature across seal)
- ___ Most recent report card (for admission to grades 7-9) or transcript (for grades 10-12)
- ___ Current IEP
- ___ Submission Checklist with student signature and parent signature

I affirm that all of the information included in this admissions application packet is true and can be substantiated by the student's current school. I realize that any false information provided can serve as grounds for disqualification of admission to STEM Academy at Showalter.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

STEM ACADEMY DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE BASED ON RACE, AGE, RELIGION, ETHNICITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, LANGUAGE, OR STUDENT DISABILITY STATUS.















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Teacher Recommendation

Please detach this sheet and ask one of the applicant's teachers to complete and submit to the applicant in a sealed envelope. Please remember that students must submit two completed teacher recommendations.

Student's Name: _____

Grade: _____

Dear Educator:

The aforementioned student is submitting an application for admission to the STEM Academy at Showalter for the upcoming year. Please help the admissions committee by providing some feedback about the applying scholar.

Academic Performance:

| | 1 Strongly Disagree | 2 Disagree | 3 Neutral | 4 Agree | 5 Strongly Agree |
|--|---------------------------|---------------|--------------|------------|------------------------|
| The scholar is self-motivated. | | | | | |
| The scholar creates and submits high-quality student work. | | | | | |
| The scholar completes tasks and assignments on time. | | | | | |
| The scholar works well in collaboration with others. | | | | | |
| The scholar has a zest for learning. | | | | | |
| The scholar is resilient. | | | | | |
| The scholar attends class on a regular basis. | | | | | |
| The scholar has an excellent attitude and causes few disruptions in class. | | | | | |
| The scholar displays creativity and innovation through his/her class work. | | | | | |

Additional Teacher Comments:

Teacher's Name: _____ **Subject Area:** _____

Teacher's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



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Office Verification

Please detach this sheet and ask an official in your current school office to complete and return to you in a sealed envelope.

Student's Name: _____ Current Grade: _____

The aforementioned student is submitting an application for admission to the STEM Academy at Showalter for the upcoming year. Please help the admissions committee by providing information about the scholar.

Please indicate the total number of absences for the current school year: _____

Please indicate the total number of fights the scholar has been involved in during the current school year: _____

Please indicate the total number of disciplinary referrals received in the office for this scholar during the current school year: _____

Please indicate the total number of out-of-school suspensions for the current school year: _____

Does the scholar have an IEP? Yes No Please attach the IEP if available.

If yes, please provide the type of exceptionality: _____

Does the scholar receive ELs services? Yes No

****Please note that IEPs and ELL services are not used to make an admissions decision about a scholar. STEM Academy prides itself as being a diverse and inclusive learning space for all students and only seeks to use this information to ensure appropriate services are provided for a scholar is he/she is granted admission.**

Office Personnel Name: _____ Phone: _____

Office Personnel Signature: _____ Date: _____

**** Please return this completed recommendation form to the student in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal.**