

# STEM Academy at Showalter



## Student Application Packet 2022-2023 Academic Year

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## Student Admissions Requirements and Procedures

Greetings and thank you for your interest in STEM Academy. Our admissions process for prospective students in 2022-23 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, Chester High School, Chester Community Charter School, and Widener Partnership Charter School**, office verification forms will be completed automatically. For students attending other schools, it is the student's responsibility to have the office verification form completed and submitted electronically with all required documents to [stemacademyadmissions@chesteruplandsd.org](mailto:stemacademyadmissions@chesteruplandsd.org)

- Office Verification includes:
  - Most Recent Report Card (Students applying to Grades 7-9)
  - Most Recent Transcript (Students applying to Grades 10-12)
  - Attendance Report for 2021-22 School Year
  - Discipline Report for 2021-22 School Year
  - IEP (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 will be required of all students. For those attending the above schools, time to complete the essay will be provided during a school day
- 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.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Graders currently attending STEM Academy must re-apply for admission to high school.

## **Exceptions**

- A student interview may be waived if the student exceeds all aforementioned admission criteria.
- A student may submit an application if they does 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.
- Students admitted on academic probationary status must have parents attend a certain number of parent engagement activities while the student is on academic probation.

## **Admissions Timeline**

April 5: The 2022-23 Application will become available on the STEM Academy Homepage

April 22: 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 April 22 to meet the Early Admission Deadline

May 2 – 13: Student Essay Visits – STEM Academy Admissions Team will visit schools during this time to administer the Admissions Essay

May 21: Decision letters will be sent (via email) to those students who submitted their applications prior to April 22

June 3: Accepted students must complete Chester Upland School District Enrollment in order to hold their place for the 2022-23 School year

\*\*Applications received after April 22 will be reviewed on a rolling basis

## **Chester Upland School District Enrollment**

Students currently attending Charter, Private, or non-CUSD schools must complete enrollment prior to the 2022-23 school year. Enrollment is separate from the admissions process, however students may not attend STEM Academy until they have successfully completed the process. Families of 8<sup>th</sup> Graders at Chester Community Charter and Widener Partnership Charter are encouraged to enroll their students in CUSD as early as possible. This must be completed prior to attending STEM Academy, Chester High School, or the CUSD Digital Academy. Information regarding enrollment will be sent to students and families along with their final decision letter.

Click Here:

[\*\*2022-23 STEM Academy New Student Application\*\*](#)