

OUR SCHOOL MISSION

At Candlewood STEM

Academy, our mission is to provide all students with a safe and supportive community, as well as opportunities for real-world, hands-on learning, and challenging grade-level tasks which will prepare them for rigorous STEM pathways in secondary school and beyond.



OUR CULTURAL BELIEFS

Students feel a sense of belonging

The adults in the school affirm and celebrate students

Students feel safe and know what to expect at school

The school staff and systems welcome families and community members as partners

The school staff and systems foster creativity.



IN THE CLASSROOMS



The teachers at Candlewood STEM Academy will work diligently with the students and

their families to support students

academically and emotionally. This will be done through exposing students to literacy enriched classrooms, student-centered, data driven instruction, and a positive and cooperative learning environment.

In addition, our academic focus will follow these instructional priorities:

- balance of direct instruction and inquiry
- increasing relevance in the real world
- ensuring equitable access to grade-level texts

Research-Based instructional strategies, planning and practices will be implemented in every classroom.

AT HOME

CANDLEWOOD STEM ACADEMY STAFF AND PARENTS HAVE DEVELOPED IDEAS ABOUT HOW FAMILIES CAN SUPPORT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AT HOME.

- Have fun with math! Practice facts.
- Read with your child!
- Check Communication Folders
- Have students log into their Portal to use Zearn and Amplify
- Attend Family Nights
- Ask Questions

CANDLEWOOD STEM ACADEMY

Family-School Community



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WHAT IS A FAMILY-SCHOOL COMPACT?



A Family-School Compact: is an agreement that describes how parents, families, and school staff share the responsibility for student academic achievement

explains how our school and families work together to ensure that all students receive the high-quality education and individualized support they need to meet state academic standards

stresses the importance of frequent communication between school and home and the value of parent-teacher conferences

Parents and staff at Candlewood STEM

Academy developed this Family-School Compact for Achievement. Parents and teachers created the suggestions for home activities to support learning. Meetings are held yearly to update and improve the compact. Parents are encouraged and welcome to contribute comments and suggestions at any time.

GOALS FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

District Goal
TO MEET OR EXCEED TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY ON STAAR AND PREPARE STUDENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE READINESS.



School Goals

- By the end of the 2024-2025 school year, based on BOY to EOY Circle Assessment, 72% of Pre-K students will meet or exceed one year's growth
- By the end of the 2024-2025 school year, based on BOY to EOY TX-KEA Assessment, 72% of kindergarten students will meet or exceed one year's growth
- By the end of the 2024-2025 school year, based on BOY to EOY Amplify and MAP Assessments, 72% of 1st graders will meet or exceed one year's growth

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

The Texas attendance rules say that a student has to be in a class at least 90% of the time if they want to be sure to get credit for that class.

At Candlewood STEM Academy, we track attendance daily, weekly, quarterly, and yearly. Grade levels, classrooms, and students are recognized for their attendance.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- At Candlewood STEM Academy, we provide many opportunities for students and their families to learn and have fun at the same time.
- You can volunteer by helping with tasks for our teachers, assisting at community and family events, chaperoning field trips, and planning classroom parties. Some opportunities include:

- Music Programs
- Field Trips
- Book Fairs
- Bike Rodeo
- Career Day/Festivals/Field Day



COMMUNICATION

Candlewood STEM Academy communicates with parents and families in a variety of ways.

- Communication Folders
- Candlewood Facebook Page
- Candlewood School Website
- Weekly S'more Newsletters
- School Marquee
- Progress Reports/Report Cards
- Class/Campus DOJO
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Skyward through JISD

