Colorado STEM Academy
Student Handbook 2025-2026

Preparing Today's Students for Life!

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STUDENT HOURS

Students should plan to arrive at school between 8:00 and 8:15am. There will not be supervision before 8:00am. Students are tardy after 8:15 am.

Regular Schedule	**Early Release Schedule**
Classes begin: 8:15 a.m. Classes end: 3:30 p.m.	Classes begin: 8:15 a.m. Classes end: 1:30 p.m.

Late Start Schedule
Classes begin: 10:15 a.m Classes end: 3:30 p.m

Colorado STEM ACADEMY

Welcome to another exciting and challenging school year at Colorado STEM Academy. I am so excited to serve as the interim principal this year! I look forward to partnering with you and the amazing STEM staff in supporting your child as they continue their education and personal development.

Our staff holds high expectations for the success and achievement of all our students, as we believe that a good education is the most important gift that we can give our children. At Colorado STEM Academy, we strive to give each child this gift every day. We see our goal as maximizing learning in a safe environment, and ensuring that each child is well prepared for the transition to high school and beyond. We believe that achieving this goal is a shared responsibility between the home and the school. Please join us by getting involved in the day to day life of the school.

While each year in a child's education is important, it must be remembered that a child's public school education begins in preschool or kindergarten and ends at graduation. It is over this thirteen year period that a child receives the education that will make it possible to achieve success in personal life and a changing society.

By choosing to enroll your child in Colorado STEM Academy, parents and guardians have accepted the responsibility to provide proper interest, encouragement, guidance, and a home environment to foster the best possible learning situation. We would like to make sure you have a full understanding of the support we are able to provide you and your student as well as the support we will require from you.

Dr. Carli Yameen

Our commitment to you and your student:

1. Your student will receive a high quality education and upon matriculating the 8th grade will be prepared for high school.
2. The school will make every effort to make sure your student is safe at all times in the building, on the grounds, and at school sponsored activities.
3. You and your student will be treated with dignity.
4. The school will maintain clear, consistent, and timely communications with you regarding your students and his/her progress.

Your commitment to the school:

1. I understand that as a parent I must be supportive of my child and his/her school. I will commit to supporting the school including but not limited to: attending PTA and/or BAAC meetings, volunteering in the building, supervising field trips, participating in after-school and/or evening events, and/or other activities sponsored by the school.
2. I understand that my child is expected to attend school every day, to arrive promptly, and to remain throughout the scheduled hours. I commit my child will not miss more than 10 days during the school year, and have no more than 10 tardies or 10 early removals from the school. Excessive tardies and/or absences will result in my child being placed on attendance probation.
3. I understand that my child is to adhere to the student code of conduct and discipline policies. Failure to follow school rules and requirements may result in my child receiving behavioral

counseling, being placed on a behavior contract, and/or may result in dismissal from the Academy.

4. I commit to ensuring that my student has a quiet place and allotted time every day to complete homework as needed. I understand it is my responsibility to review, sign and return all homework and communications when requested.
5. I will read the school and teacher newsletters and be responsible for knowing the information contained in them.
6. I will be available for conferences with teachers/administrators as necessary. If I have circumstances that prevent me from meeting in person, I will work with the school to identify alternative (phone, video/web conferencing, etc.) forms of communication.
7. I understand that my student is to adhere to the uniform policy of Colorado STEM Academy.

STUDENT CONTRACT

In order to be successful at Colorado STEM Academy, our students need to follow certain guidelines and expectations around behavior, attendance, and academics. I have read and discussed the following student expectations with my child.

As a student at Colorado STEM Academy:

1. I understand that I am to follow the student code of conduct. Violations of the code may result in being placed on a behavior contract and/or dismissal from the school.
2. I understand that I am to follow the directions of adults at the school.
3. I understand I am to keep up on homework and classwork and use the time before and after school to stay on top of my studies.
4. I understand I must attend school every day and be on time and ready to learn.
5. I understand I must wear the approved school uniform.

ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

Colorado STEM Academy focuses on a well rounded education for all students and relies on providing challenging and intriguing assignments for all of its students. It is an expectation at CSA that students will complete and turn in all assignments to the best of their ability. The Westminster Public Schools approach to learning is referred to as CBS (Competency-Based System) where the entire educational system is organized around engaging students in 21st century skills, working at their developmental levels, and advancing only when they have demonstrated proficiency or mastery. Westminster Public Schools uses an approach to learning that is based on these core beliefs:

- Learning is the constant
- Time is the variable
- Personalized Delivery
- Systemic and Systematic

In addition to this, Colorado STEM Academy is committed to providing a STEM education through the use of project based learning that is engaging and provides opportunity for growth for all of its students.

WIN (What I Need) Block: Our goal at CSA is to personalize learning for each of our students. Our WIN Block is designed to give students the opportunity to work on target recovery and/or enhance their academic skills in order to meet learning targets. Students also self-assess and monitor their progress through the use of data notebooks. During this time, all students also receive Personal and Social Leadership Lessons that focus on bullying prevention, nutrition and wellness, making positive choices, etc. These lessons help create and foster a more positive climate and culture.

TEACHER/PARENT COMMUNICATION

Weekly Thursday Folders: Each elementary homeroom teacher will maintain a folder of work that will be sent home on a weekly basis including notes and work samples. Middle school teachers will be sending home parent information with students in the form of email updates, or newsletters.

Student Reports: Progress reports can be accessed at any time through our ***Empower system***. Parents are always encouraged to contact or visit with teachers if they have questions about their students' progress.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Quality education requires close and open communication between parents and teachers. In order to support educational excellence, formal scheduled conferences will be held twice a year. At these conferences, student level, achievement, behavior, and effort will be discussed. This contact is also a time for parents to ask questions about progress, share information, or help make plans to further the education of your child. If a parent would like, they may contact a teacher or team to set up a conference that is outside of the regularly scheduled Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Schoolwide Weekly Updates: Emailed messages are sent home each week to notify families of upcoming events and important dates. Please make sure your email address is up to date in our Infinite Campus system to ensure you are receiving these important messages.

STUDENT SERVICES

Our Mental Health Interventionists are available to assist you. In addition to meeting with students individually, our interventionists meet with groups of students, conduct classroom and other small group activities, and consult with teachers and parents. Our interventionists assist in making educational plans, understanding test scores, exploring career options, learning effective study skills, further developing academic skills, Gifted and Talented, resolving conflicts with friends, family, teachers, and understanding yourself and others. If you or your child wish to see an interventionist, please call or stop by the main office to arrange an appointment. During the school day, a pass from a staff member is needed to visit with our interventionists. Appointments can be requested before and after school or, if time permits, during passing periods.

We also have a part time, Community Reach School Based Therapist, that provides individual, family and parent therapy sessions at no cost for STEM students that meet criteria for therapy services. If you are wanting to see if your student or family meets criteria, please contact our Mental Health Interventionist so that an intake form can be completed and submitted. The School Based Therapist will then reach out to schedule an intake and provide you specific details of the process from there.

PARENT AND COMMUNITY PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Building Accountability Advisory Committee (BAAC): BAAC is a school accountability committee made up of teachers,staff, parents, and community members that serve to advise the principal concerning school improvement. Meetings are held four times each year and members of the public are always welcome and invited to attend.

Parent Teacher Association (PTA): The PTA at Colorado STEM Academy is made up of parents, and teachers to serve to organize community events and our school fundraisers that directly supports the following:

- Student Recognition
- Student Field Trips
- Educational Assemblies
- Project-based Learning
- Teacher appreciation and conference meals
- School Improvements

At our back to school night,and during the beginning of the year; the PTA will be holding a membership drive and all are welcome to attend. ***Please support our students by joining PTA!***

School Visitation and Volunteering: Parents are strongly encouraged to volunteer in the classroom, at special programs, activities, or some of the committees listed above. Students appreciate seeing their parents involved in their school and a cooperative effort between school and home can only enhance each student's educational experience. Please inquire in the office if you are interested in volunteering on a regular basis in the classroom. You will also need to complete a volunteer form and sign our CSA volunteer guidelines form as well. We do ask that you coordinate volunteer efforts directly with classroom teachers ahead of time. We look forward to seeing you often, in and around Colorado STEM Academy.

STUDENT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Other After School Clubs: Colorado STEM Academy offers a variety of after school clubs at each level. Students are encouraged to participate in as many, or as few after school clubs as they would like. Sometimes, there is a small fee that goes towards paying for the club. Club announcements will come home in students' Thursday Folders and in weekly updates throughout the school year. If you decide to sign your student up for an after school club, please make sure that you inform the club leader if your child will be absent for a session.

Field Trips: Field trips are scheduled to provide students with learning experiences not readily available in the normal classroom. A charge to cover operating expenses for the bus is made by Westminster Public Schools. Some trips may require additional money for entrance fees or activities. As part of the registration process, a signed electronic form is necessary and teachers will send home additional permission slips or opt out forms for each experience.

Birthdays: Students can celebrate their birthdays at school by coordinating a timeframe with the teacher. Students have the option to bring in a healthy, pre-packaged snack as an alternative to sweets treats. We also encourage you to to celebrate in alternative ways such as bringing in science experiments and community building activities. If you are planning something to bring in, please provide at least one to two weeks' notice. Our teachers thoughtfully plan their lessons and schedules in advance, so early communication helps ensure celebrations can be smoothly integrated into the day. Please notify your child's teacher of any dietary restrictions.

Colorado STEM Academy BOTS: At Colorado STEM Academy, we participate in the Positive Behavior Interventions and Support programs (P.B.I.S). Our school mascot are the STEMBOTS, and we use this as a reminder of how our behavior should be each day and what types of behavior we should be practicing each day. **B.O.T.S** represents the habits of a scholar. They are **Behavior, Ownership, Teamwork, Safety.** A student being caught going above and beyond these expectations by any staff member will be rewarded. There are many positive activities planned throughout the year to recognize and honor students, who

consistently demonstrate their ability to conduct themselves in a responsible and caring manner. At CSA, we celebrate academic progress and good behavior. We want everyone to be proud of themselves, their accomplishments, their school, and their community**.**

Library: Classrooms will no longer be taking regularly scheduled trips to the Irving Street Library but we encourage you to read with your child at home. The Irving Street Library has great reading programs to keep your child engaged in reading.

SCHOOL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Attendance Guidelines:
All students, regardless of age, are expected to maintain appropriate attendance and meet academic performance standards as part of their promotion through the levels. As a courtesy and an extra safety measure, we will call you at home or at work if we have not heard from you by 8:45 a.m.

In addition to this, parent and student responsibilities relative to Westminster Public Schools' attendance Policy, Procedures and Colorado State Statutes include: that more than four (4) unexcused absences in a month, or ten (10) absences, of any type, in an academic year are considered excessive, and subsequent absences may require necessary documentation from medical personnel or prior approval from administration in order to be considered excused. At fifteen (15) absences, an attendance meeting with administration will be requested. The purpose of this meeting would be to determine the reasons for continued absences and, if necessary, place the student on a building-level contract.

Excessive Absences: When a student has 20 combined unexcused or excused absences it is deemed as Excessive Absenteeism. Once this occurs, the student and parent will be referred to the Student Services office of Westminster Public Schools.

Tardiness: Without proper excuse, tardiness is considered a form of unexcused absence.

- Students who are late to school must check in with the Main Office. Students who are late to class and are unexcused will receive consequences from their teacher for time and work missed.
- Tardies are dealt with by each teacher unless they become excessive, in which case they will be referred to the administration and may result in an administrative referral and may result in further disciplinary actions.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Clinic: The clinic is available for students who are ill, injured, or have a health concern. Students MUST have a pass from a teacher to come to the clinic, except in the case of an emergency. Parents must be contacted through the main office for permission to leave school. **(Students who are ill may not call parents to take them home from their cell phone or classroom phone).**

Medication: Whenever possible, your child should take their medicine at home. We cannot give any medication (prescription or any over the counter types) at school unless a Medication Permission Form has been completed and signed by you and your doctor. This includes but is not limited to cough drops, sunscreen, and inhalers. In these cases, medicines will be kept in the office and your child will take it there. The medication must be in the original prescription container and properly labeled with the date, child's name, name of the medicine, directions for taking the medicine and the name, and telephone number of the doctor who prescribed the medicine. These forms are available in the office.

Immunization Record: A complete immunization record is required by the State of Colorado for all students and the school must keep on record a copy of the original immunization record from the doctor's or clinic's office.

Lockdown/Lockout Drills: Two lockdown/lockout drills are conducted each school year. These are conducted by District personnel who come to the building to take us through the process of what to do in the case of an intruder or an emergency in the school vicinity. During these drills, students will not be released to parents for an early appointment until the drill is completed. These drills have become necessary in recent years to educate students and staff in what to do in the case of an unforeseen emergency.

DRESS CODE

To support a respectful, safe, and inclusive learning environment, all students at Colorado STEM Academy are expected to follow the school's dress code. Students must wear a top that features the official STEM logo, as provided by the school. The logo must be clearly visible and may not be drawn or taped on. If a student arrives at school out of uniform, they may borrow a school-approved shirt from the office. If the shirt is not returned by the following school day, parents or guardians will be notified and may be charged a replacement fee.

Students may wear a variety of bottoms—including pants, jeans, joggers, shorts, skirts, dresses, or athletic wear—as long as they meet the following requirements: they must reach at least fingertip length, fully cover private areas and undergarments while sitting, standing, or moving, and align with the standards outlined in Westminster Public Schools Board Policy JICA.

Closed-toed shoes are required for physical education, technology education, and other designated learning environments. Clothing choices should reflect the weather to ensure students are safe and comfortable throughout the day. Coats, hats, gloves, and boots are encouraged during winter months. Students may wear hats or hooded sweatshirts outside during recess, but hoods and hats may not be worn inside the school building unless approved for cultural, religious, or medical reasons.

Students are encouraged to demonstrate good personal grooming and attire habits that support focus, self-esteem, and daily academic engagement. Repeated dress code violations may be considered insubordination and referred to school administration for further intervention. For more information, please refer to the full Westminster Public Schools Dress Code Policy and Guidelines.

Lockers: Lockers are distributed to middle school students upon the return of a locker agreement form.

- Lockers are issued to students by the main office. Students must keep their original assigned locker.
- Lockers and backpacks may be searched with "reasonable suspicion" at any time. Keep your locker clean, inside and out. Keep your locker combination to yourself and do not share it with anyone else.
- The school is not responsible for lost or stolen items. **Leave valuables at home.**
- **All backpacks must be kept in your locker until the end of the day.**
- Lockers will be assessed a fee to repair any damages that occur to the locker.

HALLWAY AND RESTROOM PROCEDURES

Hall Behavior:

- Hallways are designated as a "quiet zone" during class times.
- Students are permitted in the hall during class periods only if they have a hall pass from their teacher. You may be requested to show this hall pass to a staff member when out of class.

- No student may leave the classroom without his/her teacher's permission AND a pass in hand. This applies to the lunchroom as well.
- Headphones may be used in class at teacher discretion and with specific teacher permission. For safety reasons, headphones are not allowed to be used during passing periods.

Restroom Behavior:

- Students are permitted in the bathroom once they have a hall pass provided by their teacher.
- Students are not to bring writing utensils or cell phones to the restrooms
- Students will behave respectfully in the bathroom towards both other students and the bathroom equipment.

Entering the Building (Before School):

- Students may come to school at 8:00 a.m. at which time we have supervision in the gym at the middle school and on the blacktop at the elementary school. Students should not be on campus before 8:00 a.m.

Exiting the Building (After School):

- All students will be dismissed via driveline from 3:30-3:50pm.
- Driveline requires that the vehicle that is being used to pick up a child has the proper number (distributed at the beginning of the year) displayed so that a student can be notified to exit the building. The pick up number assigned to each family should be prominently displayed to ensure the driver of that vehicle is approved to pick up the children associated with the number.
- After Driveline, at 3:50pm, elementary students walk to the designated exit accompanied by their teacher.
- Students who are walking will be allowed to exit the building and walk home at 3:40pm.
- All teachers wait outside at their designated location until all students have been picked up or, if walking, have left school grounds.
- Elementary students who have not been picked up by 3:50pm. will be escorted by their teachers to the main office and can be picked up by parents from the main office. Parents should try to pick up their children as soon as possible after 3:30pm release. While we work hard to work with families running late, there is no supervision after 4:00pm and students may be released to authorities if tardiness becomes excessive. We recommend that families sign up for Boys and Girls Club programming if students will be picked up after our scheduled dismissal time.
- Students who need to re-enter the building for after school activities, water, pencils, notepads, etc., must enter through the front door. Those students will be escorted back into the school by a teacher at 4:00pm to begin their after school club.
- Colorado STEM Academy has an after-school option for our students and families. We have the Boys and Girls Club available and located at Hidden Lake Secondary School until 8 pm. This option does require pre-planning and paperwork. Additional information is available through the main office.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAMS

- Breakfast is free to all Colorado STEM Academy students through a state funding grant. Free/reduced lunch applications are completed by all families for us to qualify for this funding source. Applications are available in the school office and online. Students eat breakfast in their classrooms at the beginning of the school day.
- Students who choose not to eat the hot lunch provided by the school may bring lunch from home. Each student is assigned a lunch number code to credit their lunch account on the computer. To help maintain a safe lunch room, students are not allowed to share food per school board policy.

LUNCHROOM RULES

Student courtesy and politeness are expected at all times and each student must practice good table manners while in the cafeteria. The following rules must be followed:

- Students must follow the directions from the cafeteria supervisor;
- Students should talk softly in a conversational tone;
- Students should not share food;
- Students should leave the lunch table area clean and neat;
- Students should not leave their seat until they are dismissed
- Students must have a pass to go back to the classroom or hallway.

Eating with your peers in the lunchroom is a privilege that is guided by rules of courtesy, cleanliness, and appropriate manners. If you choose to disregard the above expectations, your parents and the administration will need to make alternative lunch arrangements.

RECESS/PLAYGROUND EXPECTATIONS

- Please make sure that your student is prepared every day to go outside for recess in all types of weather. Students will go outside for recess unless the weather indicates that the windchill feels below 20 degrees or the weather conditions are too harsh for outdoor play. If this is the case, students will have inside recess.
- Students are to be cooperative, kind and inclusive of everyone during inside and outside recess.
- Students are also expected to follow the rules of staff for inside and outside recess.
- There are several staff members available for recess to assist students in problem solving.

BEHAVIOR INFRACTIONS, BULLYING, AND STUDENT REDIRECTION

CSA teachers and staff believe in a positive approach to prevent negative behaviors. No student shall engage in bullying, intimidating, or harassing behavior.This includes behaviors in the school, on school grounds, in school vehicles, or at school activities or sanctioned events, or that happen outside the school day but affect another student's sense of safety.

> *Bullying is defined as any written or verbal expression, or physical act or gesture, or a pattern thereof that is intended to cause distress upon one or more students.*

A reasonable balance between the severity and pattern, if any, of the behavior shall be taken into consideration when disciplinary decisions are made. Administration will refer to the WPS Discipline Matrix for all incidents involving bullying and/or mean behavior.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

A student's personal property should be kept in the school desk or locker with one exception. Money should remain in a student's pocket or purse at all times. We recommend that students bring only small amounts of money to school if purchasing lunch or t-shirts. All coats, jackets, tennis shoes, hats, gloves, boots, etc. should have the student's name clearly marked on the inside.

- Toys, iPods, radios, electronic games, laser pointers, stuffed animals, etc. are **NOT** to be brought to school and can be confiscated;
- All personal and family valuables should be left at home (any items that a student brings to school become their responsibility)
- Any hazardous items such as knives, guns, water pistols, matches, lighters, explosives, tobacco or drug-related items will be taken away immediately and the student will be dealt with in accordance with district policy and state law;
- Colorado STEM Academy is not responsible for any lost or stolen money, property, including their cell phone.

COMPUTER ETHICS

Chromebooks: Each student in Levels K–8 will be assigned a Chromebook for academic use. Chromebooks are the property of Westminster Public Schools and must be returned at the end of each school year. Students are expected to handle their devices responsibly and follow all usage guidelines.

All students are asked to follow a clear set of expectations designed to create a safe, respectful, and productive digital learning environment. These rules also help prevent damage and ensure all devices remain in good working condition:

- No food or beverages are allowed near Chromebooks.
- Chromebooks must be carried with two hands and with the lid closed at all times.
- Devices should be stored in classroom tech carts or approved Chromebook bags during transitions and elective classes.
- No stickers or personal decorations may be placed on Chromebooks. The school-issued TS# sticker must remain intact—a $5 fee applies if removed.
- Students must log in using their own district username and password, and log out when finished.
- Downloading or viewing videos, music, or games—or playing network-based games—is prohibited unless specifically assigned by a teacher.
- Chromebooks are for academic use only and may be monitored by school staff at any time.
- Students are not permitted to open, alter, or attempt to repair their devices or chargers.
- Students who access inappropriate content, damage the device, or engage in digital misconduct may face disciplinary action, including loss of device privileges.

It is strongly recommended that families purchase the District's Chromebook Protection Plan, which costs $50 annually (due by October 1). The plan covers:

- First replacement: Free
- Second replacement: $137.50

Without insurance, families are responsible for the full $275 replacement cost and may be charged a minimum $60 for repairs. Additional fees include $20 for charger replacement and $5 per TS# sticker. If payment is not received, the school will not issue another Chromebook, and the student will be provided with paper-based work.

Because electronic information is easily shared and reproduced, respect for others' work, privacy, and digital integrity is essential. Acts such as plagiarism, cyberbullying, unauthorized access, or copyright infringement will result in disciplinary action.

No expectation of privacy

District computers and computer systems are owned by the District and are intended for educational purposes at all times. Students shall have no expectation of privacy when using the Internet or electronic communications. The District reserves the right to monitor, inspect, copy, review and store (at any time and without prior notice) all usage of District computers and computer systems, including all Internet and electronic communications access and transmission/receipt of materials and information. All material and information accessed/received through District computers and computer systems shall remain the property of the school district.

Phone Free Policy

At Colorado STEM Academy, we are committed to creating a safe, focused, and inclusive learning environment. As part of that commitment, we have adopted a phone-free policy for all students in grades K–8 during the school day, effective August 13, 2025.

This approach is grounded in research and guided by Colorado House Bill 25-1135, which highlights the growing concern over the effects of personal device use in schools.
Studies show that frequent use of personal electronic devices—including cell phones and smart watches—during the school day is associated with:

- Increased anxiety and depression
- Higher levels of social conflict
- Distractions that interfere with learning and instruction
- Decreased academic engagement and performance

Additionally, in emergency situations, active devices can:

- Distract students from following directions quickly
- Reveal student locations through sound or vibration
- Spread false or conflicting information rapidly
- By maintaining a phone-free environment, we help students stay emotionally regulated, socially connected, and academically focused.

To uphold this environment, the following expectations apply:

- **All cell phones and smart watches must be stored in the designated homeroom phone locker each morning.**
- Devices remain locked away throughout the school day, including lunch, recess, transitions, and school events during school hours.
- Students may request to use a classroom or front office phone when needed.
- Personal devices may not be accessed or used during the day unless explicitly directed by a staff member for academic purposes.
- If families need to contact their children, they should **call the front office directly**.

If a student is found with a phone or smart watch outside of the approved guidelines:

- **First Offense**
    - The device is surrendered to the teacher, held in the front office, and must be picked up by a parent or guardian after school.
- **Second Offense**
    - The same procedure applies. In addition, the student will meet with an administrator to review the policy.
- **Third Offense**
    - A meeting will be scheduled with the student, parent/guardian, teacher, and administrator. Disciplinary action and/or a loss of privileges may result.
- **Fourth and Additional Offenses**
    - Further disciplinary measures will be determined by the school administration based on the disruption to the learning environment.

A Note on Responsibility
CSA is **not responsible** for the loss, theft, or damage of any personal electronic devices. Students bring such devices to school at their own risk. Use of technology—during or outside of school hours—that compromises student safety, academic integrity, or the well-being of others may result in disciplinary action.

Behavior Referrals: Consequences will be given for misbehaviors. Our teachers follow a progressive system of discipline. They first try to correct the behavior using Restorative Justice Practices within the classroom and in cooperation with you, the parent or guardian. If this does not produce better behavior, your student may receive a minor or major Office Discipline Referral. Minor infractions are handled immediately by the adult in charge; major misbehavior results in a visit with the assistant principal or principal and further consequences.

Students and parents are responsible for reviewing and knowing the behavior expectations outlined in both this student handbook and the WPS Student and Family Rights and Responsibilities Handbook published by the District and provided during online registration.

Colorado STEM Academy
Student Handbook Acknowledgment Form
2025-2026 School Year

Please scan the QR code below to access the full digital version of the Colorado STEM Academy Student Handbook:

Please turn into your child's homeroom teacher, the front office, or email nshaw@wps.org

By signing below, we confirm that we have read and reviewed the **2025–2026 Colorado STEM Academy Student Handbook**. We understand and agree to follow all expectations, policies, and procedures described within.

Our signatures indicate that we:

- Have read and understand the expectations of Colorado STEM Academy (CSA).
- Agree to abide by both the Colorado STEM Academy and the Westminster Public Schools district policies.
- Pledge to work in partnership with the school to help create and maintain a safe, respectful, and positive educational environment for all students.

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date_____

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date_____