



STEAM Academy 2025–26 Attendance Policy “The First Step to Learning is Showing Up”

At STEAM Academy, we believe that once your child walks through our doors, they will receive a high-quality education. Because of this belief, we closely monitor and encourage all scholars to attend school **on time, every day**. Our average attendance goal is **98%**, which ensures that students maintain strong attendance throughout the school year.

In alignment with New Jersey state guidelines and our district’s attendance policy, students must meet a minimum number of instructional hours (also known as “seat time”) to be eligible for promotion to the next grade level. These requirements are in place to ensure that every student receives the necessary instruction and support to progress successfully.

Chronic Absenteeism

Chronic absenteeism applies to any student who has **10% or more unexcused absences** during the school year, equivalent to **18 or more days**. Please review the consequences below:

- **18–20 Unexcused Absences:** The student must attend and successfully complete summer school to recover the missed seat time and be eligible for promotion.
- **21+ Unexcused Absences:** The student will be required to repeat the grade due to insufficient seat time.

Punctuality Matters

Punctuality also plays an important role in student success. Students are marked late **after 8:15 a.m.**, which can negatively impact their first-period grade. Please refer to the [arrival procedures](#) for more information.

To receive credit for the school day, students must be present for **at least 4 hours**. Whenever possible, please schedule appointments **after 12:30 p.m.**

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at **(973) 621-0060 ext. 2212**.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

Warm regards,

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Principal Silvestre