



Make an Informed Decision

Thank you for your interest in Colorado STEM Academy. To ensure that students succeed in the program, we feel it is necessary for both parents/guardians and students to understand the commitments required to be successful.

Submit an application

The following material will be needed from parents/guardians in order to process your application.

- ☐ Colorado STEM Academy Application (stem.wps.org) **All Grades**
- ☐ Kindergarten will need an in-school assessment. We will have a sign up genius link listed on the website.
- ☐ Assessment Records - **Grades 1-8**
- ☐ Attendance and Behavioral Reports **Grades 1-8**
- ☐ Student Writing Sample **Grades 1-8**
- ☐ **Principal Recommendation Grades 1-8**
- ☐ Parent/Student Contract **All Grades**

Once the application is completed you will be contacted if further testing or other material is needed, as well as with instructions as to how to register your student through our online system if they are accepted.

Name _____

Writing Sample

What is a problem facing your community, and what are two possible solutions you can do to help solve the problem?

This image shows a full page of blank, lined paper. It features approximately 20 evenly spaced horizontal grey lines across its entire width, typical of notebook or school paper. The background is white, and there are no margins, text, or other markings present.

Student Signature _____ Date _____



Principal Recommendation Form

Please complete this survey regarding the applicant.

Scale: 1.0: significantly below peers
2.0: slightly below peers
3.0: same as peers
4.0: significantly above peers.

Critical Thinking Skills: (creativity, problem solving, analysis)

1.0 2.0 3.0 4.0

Work Habits: (focus, motivation, independence, task completion, persistence, organization)

1.0 2.0 3.0 4.0

Team work (leadership, collaboration, respect for others ideas)

1.0 2.0 3.0 4.0

Behavior in class: (does the student remain on task without undue prompting, following the code of conduct, is respectful when redirected, etc)

1.0 2.0 3.0 4.0

Any additional comments about this student?

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Parent/Guardian Contract

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. As part of the application process to the Colorado STEM Academy, we would like to make sure you have a full understanding of the supports we are able to provide you and your students as well as the support we will require from you.

Our commitment to you and your student:

- Your student will receive a high quality education and upon matriculating to the 9th grade will be prepared for high school.
- The school will make every effort to ensure your student is safe at all times in the building, on the grounds, and at school sponsored activities.
- You and your student will be treated with dignity.
- The school will maintain clear, consistent, and timely communications with you regarding your student and his/her progress.

Your commitment to the school:

- 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/evening events, and/or other activities sponsored by the school. I understand that my child is expected to attend school every day, to arrive promptly, and to remain throughout the scheduled hours. I commit that 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.
- 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 Colorado STEM Academy.
- I commit to ensuring that my child 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.
- I will read the school and teacher newsletters and be responsible for knowing the information contained in them.
- 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 (for example, phone, video/web conferencing) forms of communication.
- I understand that my student is to adhere to the uniform policy.

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:

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

By signing below, my student and I indicate we have read and understand Colorado STEM Academy's expectations and our intent to comply with them.

Parent Name

Parent Signature

Date

Student Name

Date

