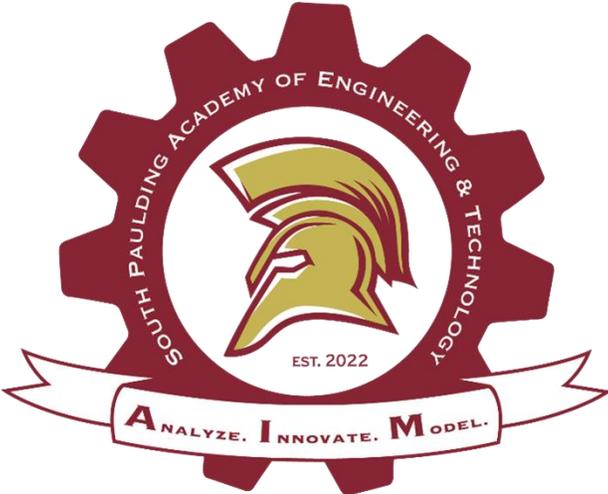


South Paulding High School

AIM Academy of Engineering and Technology

Supplemental Application Packet

2026 – 2027 Cohort



AIM Academy of Engineering and Technology

Application Checklist

South Paulding High School Academy of Engineering and Technology seeks highly motivated students who are high achievers, academic risk-takers, and are willing to pursue intellectual challenges. Our unique program is designed for students who are curious, love to solve problems, are comfortable using technology, and can work independently as well as in a group setting.

Students seeking acceptance into the Academy should complete the online application and this supplemental application packet in its entirety and attach all requested documents except for the three teacher recommendations submitted online by the teacher. **No** partial application packets will be accepted. Application packets can be submitted between January 23rd, 2026, and March 8th, 2026. No early or late applications will be received or considered for admission.

To be considered for admission, a complete application packet must include all of the following documents:

(Many of the documents below can be obtained from the student's current school.)

- Completed Online Application.
- Short Essay Questions. The responses must be handwritten and completed solely by the student.
- Application Contract. This must be initialed and signed by the student and a parent/guardian.
- SLDS Report showing Lexile, Attendance, and Milestone score.
- Discipline Report. Attach a copy of the student's discipline report from current school (6th, 7th, and 8th grade).
- Report Card. Attach a copy of the student's most recent 8th grade report card (end of the fall semester).
- Academy Application Video.

Please save all digital files as FirstName_LastName_IDNumber_FileName.

Example: Chad_Mathews_30217_Application_Contract

Submission of the completed supplemental application packet can be achieved by:

- **Email:** Submit to sphsacademy@paulding.k12.ga.us
- **Mail:**
 - South Paulding High School Academy of Engineering and Technology
 - Attention: Chad Mathews
 - 1364 Winn Road, Douglasville, GA 30134

Additional Materials:

Three Recommendation Forms: (submitted via Microsoft Forms)

- One from the student's current 8th grade math teacher.
- One from the student's current 8th grade science teacher.
- One from a current teacher of your choice.

Below is the list of the short essay questions that must be **handwritten**.

1. Describe a time when you were challenged, unsuccessful, or overwhelmed. How did you handle that situation? What did you learn from the experience?
2. How would you describe your work habits? How do you manage your time so that you are successful? Consider both school and extracurricular activities in your response.
3. What makes you stand out as a student and how will this help you become a valuable addition to this program?
4. The AIM Academy is designed for students who have an interest in math, science, engineering, and design. Explain what aspects of math, science, engineering, and design you are interested in and why.

Video Submission for Applicants:

Create an under 2-minute video detailing why you want to be a part of the AIM Academy. Please email your video to sphsacademy@paulding.k12.ga.us.

Example: Chad_Mathews_30217_Application_Video

If you have any questions about the application process or program, please visit our Academy website at <https://www.paulding.k12.ga.us/domain/7355> or email us at cmathews@paulding.k12.ga.us.