The STEAM Honors Program at Rivercrest Elementary School Guide and Application Packet

A completed application packet is due by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 8, 2019 to:

STEAM Honors Program Applications
Bartlett City Schools Central Office
5705 Stage Road
Bartlett, TN 38134

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The STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) Honors Program is located at Rivercrest Elementary School, 4825 Rivercrest Lane, Bartlett, Tennessee. The STEAM Honors Program is open to outstanding 1st through 5th grade students who perform above their grade level peers in the traditional classroom setting. Students will be accepted based on the completion of the application process and scoring rubric.

Program Expectations
- Rigorous academic expectations
- Challenging, extended curriculum, based on a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) foundation
- Differentiated learning environment
- Higher levels of self-confidence and self-reliance among peers
- Increased parent involvement
- Increased teacher expectations of students
- Nurturing environment

Academic Expectations
Students are expected to maintain overall As and Bs in all academic subjects as documented on the quarterly report cards.

Attendance Expectations
Students are expected to maintain an acceptable attendance rate, not missing more than 5 school days per semester.

Behavior Expectations
Students are expected to maintain Es and Gs in all subjects as documented on the quarterly report cards.

Confidentiality Clause
All components of this application are considered confidential and will not be returned.

Transfer Clause
Bartlett City Schools policy #6015 and policy #6019 apply to transfer students admitted into the STEAM Honors Program.

Application Process
Parents/guardians interested in having their child considered for entrance into the STEAM Honors Program will need to complete an application for admittance into the program. A completed application packet is due by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 8, 2019. Applications should be delivered to:

STEAM Honors Program Applications
Bartlett City Schools Central Office, 5705 Stage Road, Bartlett, TN 38134
Application Instructions
Please fill out the application packet in its entirety. Applicants will be notified by email whether their child has been accepted into the STEAM Honors Program, so please be sure to include your email address.

Part 1 – Student Information

Part 2 – Parent/Guardian Questionnaire (to be completed by the parent/guardian)

Part 3 – Student Questionnaire (to be completed by the student)

Part 4 – Teacher Questionnaire. Two teachers are required to submit a questionnaire. Please give this portion to your child’s current teacher, along with one other teacher who interacts with your child on a regular basis. The teacher will fill out the form and submit it to Bartlett City Schools c/o STEAM Honors Program Applications.

Part 5 – Performance Rubric. This rubric will be filled out by the Teaching and Learning Department at Bartlett City Schools. The performance rubric will be populated with student grades, benchmark assessment data, and test scores. If the STEAM Honors Program applicant is new to the district, please provide any student performance records you can obtain, such as report cards, benchmark assessment data, and test score reports.

Notification Process
All applications will be evaluated. Parents/Guardians will be notified by email whether your child has been accepted into the STEAM Honors Program. Students who qualify, but are not accepted due to space, will be placed on a waiting list and will be placed as space becomes available.

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STEAM Honors Program Application
2019-2020

Part 1
Student Information
(Please Print)

GradeEntering for the 2019-2020 school year ____________

Student’s Name: _____________________________________________
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Initial)

Male Female
Birthdate: _______________ Age: _______________

Address: __________________________________________ City: ______________ Zip: __________

Parent/Guardian Name(s): __________________________________________

Home phone: __________________________ Cell phone: __________________________

Email Address: __________________________________________

Current School: ____________________________ Current Grade: _______ Teacher: __________

Parent Signature: ____________________________ Date: ________________
Part 2

Parent Perceptions
(Please Print)

Student Name: ________________________________

Person completing this form: ________________________________

Relation to the student: ________________________________

In the space below, please provide a narrative explaining the reason you feel your child would benefit from participation in the STEAM Honors Program.

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Please list any awards/special recognition your child has received on the national, state, or local levels for achievement in science, technology, engineering, fine arts, or math.

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Please describe how you would support your child in this rigorous environment.

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Part 2 (continued)

Parent Perceptions

Please rate the following characteristics of your child:

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Any additional information you would like to include about your child:

Parent Signature: ___________________________ Date: ______________________
Part 3

Student Essay (The writing sample must be completed by the student.)

(Please Print)

Student Name: ____________________________________________________________

Current School: __________________________________________________________

Current Grade: __________________________________________________________

All Applicants: Please tell us why you would like to be a student at the STEAM Honors Program.

All Applicants: What is your favorite thing about school?
Part 3 (continued)

Student Essay
All Applicants: What are your favorite things to do outside of school?

______________________________
Student Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________

3rd-5th Grade Applicants only: If you could change something at your school, what would it be and why?

______________________________
Student Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________

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Part 4- Teacher #1
Teacher Perceptions

**Student:** Complete your personal information below. Ask two current teachers if they would be willing to complete this form. Deliver the form and an envelope to each teacher. The recommendations must be in a sealed envelope with the teacher’s signature across the seal.

Student Name: __________________________________________________________
(Please Print)
Current School: __________________________________________________________
Current Grade: __________________________________________________________

**Teacher:** The student named in this document is applying to participate in the STEAM Honors Program. Your recommendation is an essential part of the application process. Upon completion of your assessment of this student, please place the form in the envelope provided by the student, seal the envelope, sign your name across the seal, and return the recommendation to:

STEAM Honors Program, Bartlett City Schools, 5705 Stage Road, Bartlett TN, 38134

Person completing this form: ________________________________________________
(Please Print)
Place of Employment: ______________________________________________________

How long have you known this student?

__________________________

Has this student shown advanced skills in the areas of science, technology, engineering, fine arts, or math?

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In comparison to grade level peers, does this student outperform most students?

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Part 4- Teacher #1 (continued)

Teacher Perceptions
In comparison to grade level peers, does this student show a love of learning and a thirst for hard work and new information?

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Part 4- Teacher #2
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