

Invitation to Dream with S.T.E.A.M. @ DCPS Afterschool

"Team S.T.E.A.M. helping to build and implement student's dreams"

"Collaboration for Great Imaginations, Quest for Success!"



Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are delighted to extend an invitation to your child to participate in our S.T.E.A.M. program for Dorchester County Public Schools. Our 21st century learning venture is an opportunity to engage students and families in project based learning in the areas of: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math as we strive for excellence and enrichment of our students with support from the families and communities we serve.

Project Based Learning helps students gain and retain knowledge as they learn how to solve problems through critical thinking and team building while building self-esteem through presentations using the knowledge they have gained. PBL motivates and gives them the chance to apply skills learned in the classroom and how to and manage real –world situations which will help them succeed now and in the future. Throughout the school year, students will be engaged in various projects inclusive of service learning with community partners dedicated to our quest to collaborate for success in addition to measuring our progress and development. Measurements will assist us in meeting our goals to improve our state standardized tests while building confidence, personal enrichment and self-esteem.

As parents and guardians, we encourage your participation and support by: discussing projects at home, participation in Class DoJo for student progress updates, encouraging your student to develop questions in addition to accepting our invitation to occasionally assist in the classroom and by attending our family incentive afternoons/evenings. This quest will begin immediately following **regular school dismissal until 5:30 p.m.** Transportation from school will be provided by Dorchester County Public Schools once we have received and reviewed all **COMPLETED** forms including a transportation form. Students **not using** bus transportation **MUST** be picked up **promptly at 5:15 p.m.** Based on the number of responses and consideration of instructor to student ratio, there is a possibility that a **"student waiting list"** may be established for each site.

Should you have any additional questions, please contact your child's designated STEAM Site Leader. We look forward to working with "your brightest and best" as we strive for excellence and success enhancing the families and communities we serve.

Kindest Regards,

Terrell Sample

21st Century Community Learning Centers Program Manager for DCPS

"Collaboration empowering a generation for success!"

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PLEASE RETURN TO S.T.E.A.M. Site Leader ASAP to express your interest in enrollment with the understanding that a waiting list may be established.

_____ **I Give** my child _____ permission to participate in after school S.T.E.A.M. with the understanding that **I MUST** complete, sign and return the official registration, health, transportation and publicity forms

_____ **I DO NOT give** my child _____ permission to participate in S.T.E.A.M.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

School: _____

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