

The Application and Admissions Process

We are pleased that you are considering the Okaloosa STEMM Academy for your child. The application and admission process allows our Admissions Committee to learn more about the applicant, while providing your family an opportunity to investigate what STEMM has to offer. We look forward to getting to know your child through the application process, and welcome your questions at any time.

<p><i>Step 1.</i></p>	<p>Application Packet</p> <p>The application packet for attending the STEMM Academy consists of an application cover sheet, a dress and appearance code agreement, an essay written by the student, and an essay written by the parent.</p>
<p><i>Step 2.</i></p>	<p>Teacher Recommendation</p> <p>Give the Teacher Recommendation form to your child's teacher. The form must be returned directly to STEMM from the teacher.</p>
<p><i>Step 3.</i></p>	<p>Informational Session</p> <p>Attend an optional "Becoming a Stinger" Information Session or our Spring Open House to find out more about what STEMM has to offer.</p>
<p><i>Step 4.</i></p>	<p>Application Evaluation and Selection</p> <p>The Admissions Committee will evaluate the application. The essays and Teacher Evaluation form are scored by a committee, and applicants are rated based on several factors such as standardized test scores, current grades, attendance, and discipline, before final selections are made.</p>
<p><i>Step 5.</i></p>	<p>Notification</p> <p>All applicants who complete the application process will receive notification of decision. Acceptance notifications will be made on a rolling basis as applications are reviewed and evaluated from February through July.</p>
<p><i>Step 6.</i></p>	<p>New Student Registration</p> <p>New students will register at the STEMM Academy for courses. After reviewing the Curriculum Guide, students will submit their requests for electives.</p>

Application Instructions

1. Complete and submit the application packet with the following components:
 - Application Cover Sheet
 - Okaloosa STEMM Academy Dress and Appearance Code Agreement
 - Parent Essay in response to the prompt
 - Student Essay in response to the prompt
2. Students who were not enrolled in an OCSD school last year, from private schools, or from out-of-state also need to include:
 - documentation of standardized test scores
 - a copy of the current report card or transcript
3. Give the Teacher Recommendation form to one of your child's current teachers. This form must be returned by the current teacher directly to STEMM Academy.

Submitting Your Application

Please return the completed application as soon as possible. The Admissions Committee will not review and evaluate the candidate until the application packet is complete. Keep in mind that we did have a waiting list last year, and are anticipating another waiting list this year.

Completed application packets may be returned via USPS mail or hand-delivered to the Okaloosa STEMM Academy office, Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 2:30 pm.

Email Mrs. Pam Page at pamela.page@okaloosaschools.com if you have any questions.