



**Application for Admission
The Champion Theme Middle School
STEM ACADEMY
2019-2020 School Year**

The Champion Theme Middle School STEM ACADEMY is an academically challenging school within a school, that provides the type of nurturing environment necessary for student growth and success. We offer an unique educational experience designed to prepare students for high school and beyond. With in the STEM Academy students will experience a curriculum which is designed to facilitate problem solving, higher order thinking, teamwork. and other critical 21st century skills.

The CTMS STEM ACADEMY student is one who seeks to advance himself or herself through a rigorous middle school curriculum that places an emphasis on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. This student will possess a level of maturity and independence that will help him or her to be college and career ready.

Application Packet should include:

- Handwritten or typed application form. (*12 font, Times New Roman, double spaced*)
- Parent/Guardian and student must sign in **all** appropriate places.
- MAP Assessment DATA/Lexile Scores
- Most recent behavioral report
- Most recent progress report/or last report card
- Three recommendation forms (included) 1 Science Teacher, 1 Math Teacher and 1 Additional Teacher/Staff (for the current school year).

Application Process:

- Complete ALL required forms and gather all required supporting documents.
- Turn in ALL required forms and required supporting documents to Ms. Alethea Mack, STEM Academy Assistant Principal, on Thursday May 9th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. OR on Friday May 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 11 a.m or 1:00 p.m- 3:00 p.m.

Please note that no late applications will be accepted.

- Parents can also upload documents to **STEM Application folder.**
- The CTMS STEM Academy Admissions Committee will review the completed submitted applications and notify students of their scheduled student interviews via email.
- Students will be notified of their acceptance/non-acceptance into STEM Academy a week after the interviews via email and US mail.

APPLICATION FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Parent/Guardian must complete this page of the application. Please print clearly in black/blue ink. Student must complete the following pages.

Name of Student _____ Sex _____ Race _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Student ID # _____

Name(s) of Parent/Legal Guardian that student resides with _____

Student's Home Address _____
(Street)

(City) (Zip)

TELEPHONE NUMBERS			
Mother/Guardian	Residence Phone:	Work Phone:	Cell:
Father/Guardian	Residence Phone:	Work Phone:	Cell:
Student	Residence Phone:		Cell:
EMAIL ADDRESSES			
Mother/Guardian			
Father/Guardian			
Student			

Does this student have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) on file? _____ YES _____ NO

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY: By submitting this application, you understand the commitment of effort and time your child is undertaking if accepted to The CTMS STEM ACADEMY. This commitment includes agreeing to keep your child in The CTMS STEM ACADEMY for at least one year. If at the end of any year, your child is unwilling or unable to continue studies in The CTMS STEM ACADEMY, he/she will be removed from the Stem Academy. It is mandatory that parents attend a mid-year conference to discuss their student's attendance, academic, and/or behavioral status. Also, submission of this application means that you accept and understand that The CTMS STEM ACADEMY requires additional instructional assignments such as: 2 PBLs (Problem Based Learning) per year and 2 independent projects per year (Science, Technology, Future City, And Engineering Projects). Students must maintain an academic average of 2.5 GPA or better in all courses. **Application deadline is May 10, 2019.**

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

Date: _____

SECTION 1 – STUDENT INFORMATION:

Student Name _____

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability.

Why are you interested in participating in CTMS STEM ACADEMY?

Now, tell us about you...

What are your career goals?

What is your greatest strength? Explain your answer with examples.

What is one of your most challenging weaknesses? How do you work to improve on or eliminate this weakness?

Describe your personal characteristics that will enable you to be successful in CTMS STEM ACADEMY.

Tell us how you handle conflict with teachers or other students.

Have you ever been expelled, on probation, suspended and/or removed from school due to a disciplinary issue? YES / NO
IF YES, please describe. (***Failure to provide this information could result in placing your application in jeopardy of not being accepted.***)

SECTION 2 – CURRICULAR AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Student Name _____

Please list your extracurricular, hobbies and family activities you are currently involved in and plan to continue or will begin engaging in while being a student at CTMS STEM ACADEMY.

<i>Sport(s)</i>	<i>Club(s)</i>	<i>Family Activities</i>	<i>Hobbies</i>

COMMUNITY SERVICE: (*Community service is a part of CTMS STEM ACADEMY. Would you be willing to participate? Yes ___ No ___*)

Please list any community service activities that you have been involved with during the last 12 months and those you intend to continue while being a student at CTMS STEM ACADEMY.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

CURRICULAR:

What subject/s do you consider your strengths?

What subjects are the most difficult for you?

TEACHER REFERENCES: (from your current school, for the current school year must be included)

Four recommendation forms (included at the end of this packet)—

- 1 Science Teacher
- 1 Math Teacher
- 1 Additional Recommendation

SECTION 3 – ESSAY:

Student Name _____

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Student Agreement/ Contract

If I am accepted to attend CTMS STEM ACADEMY, I agree to all of the following expectations:

- Agree to maintain a 2.5 GPA or above average in all of my classes.
- Agree to actively participate in job shadowing opportunities, assigned mentorships, assigned internships, and apprenticeships.
- Make education a high priority in my life, including positive participation in class and school activities, and work to achieve and exceed my potential.
- Take responsibility for my own learning, behavior, and success, be punctual, and maintain good attendance in all classes.
- Show respect for everyone in the school community and the rights of others to learn and succeed.
- Behave in a manner that shows respect for the program, school facilities, and equipment.
- Maturely handle the off campus opportunities and scheduling provided as part of Champion Theme Middle School STEM ACADEMY setting and understand that such opportunities are a privilege not a right, but are necessary for my success in the program.
- Ensure that I must complete all grade level PBL's (Problem Based Learning) assigned and independent projects such as: Science/or Engineering Project, Future City Project (8th) and DeKalb County Technology Fair (6th and 7th). **These are assignments which will affect my overall GPA.**
- Demonstrate the ability to make mature, independent, and productive choices while accepting the responsibility for those choices.
- Understand that I may participate in organized athletics and other extra-curricular programs (example: Band).
- Maturely handle flexible scheduling and be able to make productive use of all time.
- Adhere to the technology agreement of CTMS.
- Keep my parents informed of my academic progress at CTMS STEM ACADEMY.
- Understand that CTMS STEM ACADEMY is an Academy where students are engaged in coursework that strongly emphasizes Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics and project-based learning activities.
- Understand that I may be required to attend tutoring sessions offered before and/or after regular school hours.
- Will use a planner to keep myself organized.

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE: _____

Parent Acknowledgement

I acknowledge that my child, _____, understands the requirements of the Student Agreement. I agree to support my child in the compliance with all requirements, knowing that failure to comply can result in disciplinary actions up to and/or including dismissal from the STEM ACADEMY.

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

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Parent Agreement/ Contract***

If my child is accepted, I agree to all of the following expectations...

- Ensure that my child maintains a 2.5 GPA or above average in all classes.
- Ensure that my child attends school every day on time.
- Support regular attendance, call the school on any day of absence and provide proper documentation upon the students return.
- Attend and participate in parent/school functions such as Orientation/Open House, Back-to-School Night, Parent Team meetings, etc...
- Keep up on Champion Theme Middle School STEM ACADEMY activities by reading all material sent home and visiting the school's website often.
- Expect and follow up on progress reports/report cards, and use the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.
- Encourage and expect that your child will have their Chromebook charged daily.
- Contact the school if you have a question or if there is a gap in information coming home.
- Hold my child is responsible for adhering to the technology agreements of DeKalb County School District.
- Ensure that my child must complete all grade level PBL(Problem Based Learning) assigned and independent project such as: Science/or Engineering Project (6th and 7th), Future City Project (8th) and DeKalb County Technology Fair (6th and 7th)
- Understand that Champion Theme Middle School is a STEM ACADEMY focused school where students are engaged in coursework that strongly emphasizes Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics and project-based learning activities.
- Understand that my child could be referred back to Champion Theme Middle School in the event that he/she exhibits any or all of the following: poor attendance, failing grades, lack of effort, and/or failure to adhere to Champion Theme Middle School STEM ACADEMY policies.

Please respond to the following question:

Explain why you believe your child is ready for Champion Theme Middle School's STEM ACADEMY.

* I understand that participation in my child's education will help his/her achievement and attitude. Therefore, I will voluntarily be involved in the school to promote school-wide parent support, shared decisions, special enrichment, and recreational activities. I agree to be accessible and readily available to the school to discuss my child. I recognize that acceptance at STEM ACADEMY requires a one-year commitment. I understand that attendance is vital and I will support this fact. I understand that acceptance into this school is a privilege and that my child must maintain the school standards in order to remain enrolled. Failure to meet standards may result in dismissal.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____

**Champion Theme Middle School
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ACADEMIC/ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

To the applicant: Please complete the top section and give this form to one of your current classroom teachers listed in the application, to complete.

Student's Name _____
Last
First
Middle

Printed name of person making this reference: _____

Student's Current School _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Which subject do you currently teach this applicant? _____ Current Grade _____

To the Recommender: The student named above is applying for admission to CTMS STEM. Please use this form to share with us your perceptions of how well this student will meet the academic and social responsibilities of the school, keeping in mind that we only offer honors courses and students are expected to maintain a 2.5 GPA or above average in all courses. **Please return this form to the student in a sealed envelope.** Thank you for your assistance.

Please Check as applicable	Exemplary	Above Standard	At Standard	Needs Improvement
Knows how to actively engage in collaborative group work				
Verbal Communication skills				
Analytical/Problem-solving				
Leadership skills				
Overall quality of academic work/work ethic				
Dependability/reliability—meets deadlines, regular attendance				
Exercises critical thinking skills				
Classroom behavior				
Intrapersonal skills—self motivation, organizational skills				
Cooperativeness				
Academic Potential				
Relationships with peers				

Champion Theme Middle School STEM ACADEMY students will be engaged in STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) applications on a regular basis. What concerns, if any, do you have about this student's ability in these areas?

In what way(s) do you think this student would be more successful at CTMS STEM ACADEMY than a classes?

This student should be able to fulfill the requirements of Champion Theme Middle School STEM.

_____ Yes or _____ No

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