

Summer Program Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Is Step-Up to STEM mandatory?

Answer: Yes - in order for students to receive their STEM Diploma upon graduating high school, they must have completed their Step-Up to STEM Program when entering 9th grade.

Question: My student has a doctor's appointment during one of the days of the Step-Up to STEM Program he selected. How do I excuse his absence?

Answer: Students must be present **all** eight days of their Step-Up to STEM Program. As your student registers for Step-Up to STEM Programs in advance, doctor's appointments and other obligations should be rescheduled as to not conflict with summer programs. If the obligation cannot be rescheduled, please log back into the magnet application and select a different Step-Up to STEM Program.

Question: I want my student to participate in a program that is only with students at the school of which they will be attending. How do I go about doing this?

Answer: This is not possible - we promote comradery both at a school and county level. The Step-Up to STEM Programs offered are open to incoming 9th grade magnet students at North County, South River, and Glen Burnie High Schools.

Question: Do you offer transportation to the summer program location?

Answer: Transportation is provided from the "home STEM school*" to the offsite location where the summer program is offered. It is the parent or guardian's responsibility to transport their student to and from the "home STEM school*."

IMPORTANT: If the program is taking place at your "home STEM school" please arrive at the school no later than 8:45 AM. *Home STEM School: The school at which you will be attending the STEM or STEM-BMAH Magnet Program.

Question: The program that I am trying to enroll in does not appear on the list when I go to register. What does that mean?

Answer: This means the program has already reached capacity - you will have to select another program. We have no way of adding additional students to programs that have already reached capacity.

Question: I think I registered for more than one program - how do I delete my other selection?

Answer: You can only register for one program. The system records the program that you last registered for.

Question: I know the program that I wanted is full - do you keep waitlists for programs which are full?

Answer: At this time, the system does not support a platform to keep running waitlists.

Question: Are Step-Up to STEM Programs free?

Answer: Most of the programs are FREE! However, there are a few which have a small fee attached to the. Those programs have the fee amount noted on the description.

Question: What materials do I need to bring with me/send with my student.

Answer: All students should bring a writing utensil, a notebook, and a bagged lunch with them. Materials which are program specific will be communicated to parents by the program instructor.