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## **Academic requirements:**

Each candidate will need to meet and maintain the following academic requirements:

- **Overall 2.5 GPA:** for returning students they must have maintained a C+ average or better in all their classes throughout the previous year. Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders will need to have maintained the elementary equivalent. A 2.5 GPA will need to be maintained for the student to remain a participant in the STEAM Academy.
- **Mathematics 3.0 GPA:** For both incoming 6<sup>th</sup> and returning students, they will have had to maintain a B average, or the equivalent. A 3.0 GPA will need to be maintained for the student to remain in the STEAM academy.

## **Attendance Requirements:**

The STEAM Academy is a rigorous program thus good attendance is imperative. The STEAM Academic Review Team reserves the right to review a student's attendance as part of the STEAM consideration. Good attendance will need to be maintained for the student to remain in the STEAM academy. Excessive absences or tardiness may result in a SARB letter home. If a STEAM student is served a SARB letter, they will be required to meet with the STEAM Review Committee, and may face exit from the academy.

## **Behavior Requirements:**

Participation in the Palm Middle School STEAM Academy is both voluntary and a privilege. As a participant, your behavior as well as your academics will need to be exemplary. Therefore any student who receives more than *three or more discipline referrals* for K violations (please see the district student handbook), or participate in verbal or physical altercations may be required to meet with the STEAM Review committee and *may face being placed on probation or possible exit from the academy.*

## **Academic/Attendance/Behavior Probation:**

The STEAM Academy is designed to bring out the best in each student by maintaining a high level of expectation. As a result, it is important that these high expectations be reinforced with a rigorous review process. Should a student not meet any of the requirements above, the STEAM Academic Review Team will review student progress and behavior to determine an appropriate intervention. These interventions could include but is not limited to:

- Academic Probation (for at least a quarter or longer)
- Behavior Probation (for at least a quarter or longer)
- Attendance Probation (for at least a quarter or longer)
- Dismissal from the STEAM Academy

## **Dismissal:**

If a student is dismissed from the program, they will be removed from the STEAM Academy classes and placed in regular education classes. However, if the student received an inter-district transfer to attend Palm Middle School's STEAM Academy, the STEAM IDT will be revoked and the student will be placed back in their school of attendance.

**“Full STEAM Ahead with Equity and Excellence for All Scholars.”**