

# STEAM ACADEMY

**At the STEAM Academy this year, the teachers will be planning together every day to integrate subject areas into project based learning that will have relevance to your child! Skills will be learned during the process of completing various projects. We emphasize the thinking process which happens during the journey of completing a project. This promotes higher-level thinking skills, problem solving, and a true love of learning in our students!**

## **Student Expectations**

Every student will be expected to work in a group setting. It is vital to the collaborative aspect of the STEAM Academy.

- You are expected to:
  - learn how to work cooperatively with your peers.
  - to put effort into all your work.
  - to turn in your work.
  - to care about and be responsible for your learning.
  - respect yourself, your classmates, and your teachers.

## **Please bring all of the following to class every day:**

1. Paper, pens/pencils, spiral, and other necessary materials for each class.
2. Completed assignment from the previous class period (if one is given).
3. Library/AR book
4. Great attitude and work ethic
5. Charged Chromebook
6. Headphones/earbuds

## **Notes**

Studying from provided notes, review questions, and other assignments will give students an opportunity to be successful on tests. Students are encouraged to study for the test beginning a week in advance. On most occasions, a review session will also be done in class before the exam to maximize student success.

## **Grading**

Minor Grades - **60%**

Major Grades/Projects - **40%**

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## **Absences/Make-Up Work**

Due to the nature of the coursework, it is important for students to be present for class whenever possible. If students must be absent, they will need to check their Google Classroom from home or during class the next day to see what they need to make up. They may need to touch base with their group. If they have questions, they should speak with their teacher. Students that need additional help should communicate with the teacher.

## **Substitute Teachers**

Substitutes will be treated as special guests. Discipline problems will not be tolerated. A referral will be issued for any problems noted by a substitute.

## **Cell Phones/Headphones**

The use of cell phones will not be permitted in class unless you have specific permission from the teacher. They are to remain silent and put away. Electronic devices such as cell phones and earbuds can be picked up and turned in to the front office for a \$15 fee if there is a policy violation. Headphones will be permitted, but only at designated times.