



# STEM Explorer Club Student Application

2022-2023



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The Secondary STEM Explorer Program ("Club") offered through the Pinellas County Schools K-12 STEM Department is a **free**, extended learning program for all students in grades 6-12.

Our vision is to increase STEM opportunities for **ALL** Pinellas County students to prepare them to excel in STEM fields of study, while igniting their curiosity, interest and excitement in STEM. The STEM Explorer Program is designed to spark student creativity and imagination through innovative hands-on problem-solving tasks, coding, robotics, peer collaboration and leadership while experiencing success utilizing the engineering design process.

To learn more about the K-12 STEM initiatives and the PCS STEM Explorer Program, please visit [www.pcsb.org/STEM](http://www.pcsb.org/STEM)

School:

Student Information:

**One application per student**

Student First Name:

Student Last Name:

Grade level for the 2022/2023 school year:     6     7     8     9     10     11     12

Date of Birth:

Gender:  Male  Female

Teacher Name:

Student Ethnicity:  American Indian/Alaska Native  Asian  Pacific Islander  Hispanic or Latino  
 Black/African American  White/Caucasian American  Decline to State  Other

Is your child receiving ESOL (Teaching English for Speakers of Other Languages) services?

Yes  No

Child's Primary Language:

Languages Spoken at Home:

**Special needs will not exclude a student from the STEM Explorer Club.**

Does your child have special needs?

Yes  No

Does your child have an IEP/504 on file?

Yes  No

### Family Information

**Name:**

Relation:

Address:

Primary Phone Number:

Cell Phone Number:

E-mail address:

**Name:**

Relation:

Address:

Primary Phone Number:

Cell Phone Number:

E-mail address:

How will your child get home from the STEM Explorer Club?  Parent Pick Up  Walker  Bike

**Emergency contacts and people authorized to pick up the student from school.**

Name:

Phone Number:

Relation:

Authorized to Pick Up:  Yes  No

Name:

Phone Number:

Relation:

Authorized to Pick Up:  Yes  No

**Medical Information**

Known allergies:

Does your child take any medications?  Yes  No \*If yes, please list:

**Privacy Rights**

I understand that photos and/or videos will be taken during the activities or events of the program. I give permission to the PCS STEM Explorer Program to use photos/videos of my student, family, and myself to be used in educational, promotional, informational or media materials for positive public relations purposes. Please complete the enclosed Media Release.

**Program Expectations**

Please read each of the following expectations and provide your signature below in acknowledgement and granting permission for your student to participate in the STEM Explorer Program ("Club").

**Attendance:**

Attendance is an important component to the success of any program. This is especially true of the STEM Explorer Club which consists of weekly building, coding, design challenges and other activities within the engineering design process. Due to an overwhelming interest in the STEM Explorer Program and the rigor of the planned activities, students are expected to attend each club session. If a student receives **3** or more unexcused absences, they may be dismissed from the STEM Explorer Club.

**Arrival and Dismissal:**

Our STEM Explorer Club facilitators are passionate about STEM and your child; and to honor their commitment to teaching and familial obligations we ask that all students (explorers) are dropped off or picked up promptly at the beginning or conclusion of each STEM Explorer Club session.

**Family Involvement (Science Showcase and STEM Expo):**

In Spring, students enrolled in the STEM Explorer Program will receive an invitation to attend and present at Pinellas County School's annual **free** Science Showcase and STEM Expo. The time, date and location for May 2023 event will be announced soon. Additional information will be provided later in the year.

**Behavior:**

The expectation of each student is to follow all Pinellas County School and STEM Explorer Club facilitators expectations for behavior to ensure a safe, fun, and engaging program.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS  
MEDIA RELEASE FORM**

During the school year, Pinellas County Schools may produce, reproduce, broadcast or publish student names, likenesses and/or voices on multiple media formats, including but not limited to:

- WPDS-Ch. 14
- Written publications
- District websites
- School websites
- Teacher websites
- Social Media Sites
- Marketing Materials

All documents on district-sponsored websites are required to conform to school board policies, including Policy 7.33, Use of Electronic Resources.

In addition, news media, including representatives of television, radio, newspaper and magazines, are periodically permitted on school board property and may take notes, still photographs, sound recordings and/or video that may include your child. These items may appear or be used in news or feature stories by print, television, digital or radio media.

Pursuant to Section 540.08 and Section 1002.22, Florida Statutes, the school board is required to obtain express written permission before using any student's name or likeness in the above described manner. If you do not object to the use of your child's name, picture or voice for any purpose mentioned above, please sign the form below granting your consent pursuant to Section 540.08(1) and Section 1002.221(2)(a), F.S. If you have any questions, please contact the principal of your child's school.

If the student or parent/guardian wishes to rescind this permission, he or she may do so at any time with written notice. Unless rescinded, this permission will remain in effect in subsequent years.

REGARDING: \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of student)

NAME OF SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

**I grant permission to use the above student's name, likeness and/or voice in the manners described above.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's signature (if 18 or older)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or guardian's signature (if student is under 18)