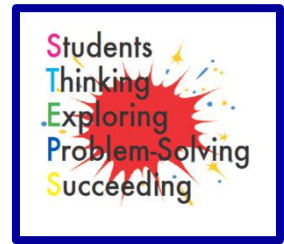


**2017 S.T.E.P.S. SUMMER LEARNING INSTITUTE
PARENT INFORMATION OVERVIEW**

*S.T.E.P.S. Gifted Summer Learning Institute
"Taking Learning to Another Level"*



Purpose and Goals

The S.T.E.P.S. Summer Learning Institute is designed to create summer learning opportunities for academically and intellectually gifted students. S.T.E.P.S. allows gifted students to explore personal interests and engage in learning experiences that foster challenge, innovation, and creativity. Students will be nurtured in an environment that encourages academic risk-taking and a celebration of each student's unique gifts and talents.

Staff

The S.T.E.P.S. Summer Learning Institute is administered by licensed teachers. These teachers have experience working in gifted education, and they are highly motivated individuals who have previous experience working to meet the academic, social, and emotional needs of gifted students.

Cancellation and Refunds

Unfortunately, no refunds for cancellations will be granted after June 30th.

Drop Off/Pick Up: [\(Please reference Transportation & Safety Reminder Handout\)](#)

Morning Drop-off

Drop-off 7:45-8:15

Afternoon Pick-up

Pick-up 4:00-4:15

If you arrive late or do not pick up on time, you should report to the front office or Media Center.

If your child arrives before 7:45am or if you pick them up after 4:15pm please contact the S.T.E.P.S. Summer Learning Institute Staff regarding transportation, please call us at 336-705-3915.

T-Shirts

All students will receive a S.T.E.P.S. T-shirt during open house. We ask that students wear their t-shirt on Thursday, which is our group picture day.

Schedule Specifics

On Monday morning, your child should report to his/her first course selection. Classroom locations will be provided at Open House and on Monday morning. Our routine will primarily follow the daily schedule:

Daily Schedule

7:45-8:15	Morning Arrival/Breakfast
8:15-10:00	Class #1
10:00-10:15	Break/Recess
10:15 – 12:00	Class #2
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch Break/Recess
1:00 – 2:45	Class # 3
2:45 – 3:00	Break
3:00 – 4:00	Enrichment Activity
4:00 – 4:15	Dismissal

Lunch and snacks will be provided for students daily. Students are allowed and encouraged to bring a water bottle each day.

If your child has any food allergies, please alert us.

Medication

If your child requires medication during camp hours, please note the following requirements:

- All medication must be given to a staff member upon arrival each day.
- Medication will be administered by the S.T.E.P.S. Director or a staff member.
- Indicate clearly time(s) and dosage.
- Prescribed medication must be in the original package, indicating child's name, prescription date, dosage, doctor's name, and name of drug.
- No over-the-counter medication will be given without the written consent of the child's guardian.
- If your child uses an EPI pen, your child's S.T.E.P.S. staff will carry it during workshop hours.
- A Medical Release Form must be on file to administer prescription medication.

Other details:

IPODS, video games, cell phones, etc. are not necessary at S.T.E.P.S. as we will provide any necessary access to technology for coursework. We kindly request that those devices be left at home to ensure your student is able to participate and be fully engaged in the week's activities. The S.T.E.P.S. Summer Learning Institute does not accept responsibility for lost, stolen, or broken personal belongings.

Final Exhibition

On Thursday, July 13, at 2:00 pm, the student learning showcase will begin. During this exhibition, your student will guide you through their work for the week. You will have an opportunity to speak with the teachers and also to hear from some individual students about their experiences during the week.

Questions?

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our program please contact S.T.E.P.S. Summer Learning Institute, at giftedprograms@wsfcs.k12.nc.us, or via phone at 336.705-3915.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THE PROGRAM!

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO AMAZING EXPERIENCES AT S.T.E.P.S. 2017!