



Young Women's STEAM Research & Preparatory Academy

2020-2021 APPLICATION

The Young Women's STEAM Research & Preparatory Academy is a New Tech Network (NTN) partner school (<https://newtechnetwork.org>). The Academy is the first single-gender school in the El Paso Independent School District (EPISD) and first-single gender NTN Academy in the nation! With the support of NTN, the Academy focuses on "Deeper Learning" experiences where students are engaged in real world, rigorous activities that will prepare students for post-secondary success including personal and professional academic and career goals.

The NTN Model focuses on four pillars: 1) Outcomes that Matter; 2) Teaching that Engages; 3) Technology that Enables; and 4) Culture that Empowers.

1. Outcomes that Matter: Students are taught and assessed in Academic Knowledge and Thinking; Collaboration; Oral Communication; Written Communication; and Agency.
2. Teaching that Engages: The primary means of instruction include non-traditional instructional approaches focused on Problem or Project Based Learning.
3. Technology that Enables: As a 1:1 technology Academy, students are provided a laptop and tools to connect to the world around them.
4. Culture that Empowers: Students are immersed in a culture based on Trust, Respect, & Responsibility (TR²)- creating a safe, nurturing learning environment.

This foundation compliments the fundamental philosophy of the Young Women's STEAM Research & Preparatory Academy, in which all students will:

- Engage in rigorous and integrated Pre-Advanced Placement® (Pre-AP) coursework that connects Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM) leading up to Advanced Placement (AP) courses, dual credit courses, and internship opportunities; and
- Contribute to service learning experiences that are directly connected to their community.
- Develop academic, social, personal, and professional goals.

Students will also receive two endorsements when they graduate from the Young Women's STEAM Research & Preparatory Academy. All students will be required to select a STEM endorsement in one of the following areas: Career & Technology Education, Computer Science, Mathematics, Science, or STEM Combination. Students will be able to select their second endorsement in the areas of Arts & Humanities or Public Services.

Eligibility Requirements

All applicants must complete the following requirements. Each application will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

1. Students must be in good academic standing and meet the requirements for promotion to the next grade level. Students must also maintain a passing average of 70% or better while enrolled in the program. Students will be evaluated at the end of each semester on a case by case basis.
2. All students must submit the following documents with their application:
 - a. Attendance Summary Report for current school year (2019-2020)



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- b. Discipline Summary Report for current school year (2019-2020)
- c. Current copy of report card or progress report with conduct grades.

For the 2020-2021 school year, space is limited to incoming 6th- 10th grade students.

Notification

All applicants will be notified whether they were selected to attend Young Women's STEAM Research & Preparatory Academy. Students will be placed on a waiting list once all available positions are filled.

Registration Process

Students who are accepted must complete a transfer request online through the EPISD [Parent Portal](#) website. Out-of-district applicants must apply for an [out of district transfer](#) .

Mandatory STEAM Summer Camp

Students who are accepted are required to attend a STEAM Summer Camp. Parents will be given this information upon acceptance.

Academy Uniform

Students in grades 6-8 are required to wear a school uniform.

There is no uniform for students in 9th & 10th grade. We do ask that high school students purchase a school polo and black blazer to wear during field trips or community presentations.

More information will be provided upon acceptance.

Transportation

Transportation is provided from each of the EPISD middle schools. Pick up and drop off times vary by each site. The pickup times can be as early as 6:30am to 7:45am, with drop off times ranging from 4:30pm to 5:45pm.



Student Application 2020-2021

The application window will remain open until all seats are filled. A waiting list will be implemented after all seats are filled.

- (1) Return this application to your child's campus counselor to submit via school mail on your behalf; **OR**
- (2) Fax to (915) 236-4898-; **OR**
- (3) Email to youngwomensacademy@episd.org; **OR**
- (4) Mail or hand deliver to Young Women's Steam Academy • c/o: Dr. Cynthia Ontiveros • 2231 Arizona Avenue (Entrance via Walnut Drive) • El Paso, TX 79930

Student Information

Last Name:				First Name:	
Date of Birth:	Month /	Day /	Year	EPISD Student ID#:	
Current Campus:				Current Grade:	
Address:	Number	Street Name	Apt#	City	Zip
	Home Telephone number:			Cellular number:	

Parent/Guardian Information

Student Lives With:	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian			
Mother or Guardian's Name:			Father or Guardian's Name:	
Mother's Address: (Only if different from student)			Father's Address: (Only if different from student)	
Mother's Phone:			Father's Phone:	
Mother's Email Address:			Father's Email Address:	

My student is currently enrolled in one or more of the following programs: SPED, 504, GT, ELL, or Dual Language. Yes No

Do you have a sibling currently attending/ or also applying to Young Women's Steam Academy? Yes No

If yes, please provide name and grade of student attending/applying:

Sibling Name: _____ Sibling Grade: _____



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In 50 words or less, explain why you want to attend the Young Women's STEAM Research & Preparatory Academy:

In 50 words or less, explain what you know about STEAM. What aspect of STEAM are you most interested in and why?

In 50 words or less, share any extracurricular activities (volunteering, clubs, private lessons) in which you are interested in or have participated.



Student/Parent Commitment

We understand that although students are admitted to the Young Women’s STEAM Research & Preparatory Academy without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, or handicap, admission to the Academy is limited. Completion of this interest form does not guarantee admission to the Young Women’s STEAM Research & Preparatory Academy. If the number of applicants exceeds the allocation of any grade-level cohort, applicants will be randomly accepted through a lottery process.

We understand that because the core curriculum is aligned to Pre-AP/AP/Dual Credit coursework, standards may be higher than those required by other schools in the district and that compliance with those standards is a requisite for continued enrollment in the Young Women’s STEAM Research & Preparatory Academy.

We understand that the curriculum is grounded on project/problem-based learning (PBL) and that students will regularly work in a group setting to cultivate an innovative learning environment founded in New Tech Network’s student learning outcomes and core values of *Trust, Respect, and Responsibility*.

We understand that acceptable conduct, academic progress and regular attendance are mandatory for continued enrollment in the Young Women’s STEAM Research & Preparatory Academy.

If selected to enroll, we understand that we will accept the expectations, challenges, and rigors of the program which include participating in a collaborative learning environment, engaging in service learning projects, and formalizing a 6th-12th graduation plan.

We understand the selection process and expectations listed above.

Our signatures below indicate that we agree to support and adhere to the program standards currently set forth, as well as those that may be established in the future, by the Young Women’s STEAM Research & Preparatory Academy.

Student Signature		Date	
Parent/Guardian Signature		Date	