Royal STEM Academy

(Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)

Application to Apply for Admittance 2026-2027

Note: This application is the first step in being considered to attend the Royal ISD STEM Academy for the 2026-2027 school year. The Royal STEM Academy is a program offered in Royal ISD. Any Royal ISD student that desires to participate in the STEM Academy program during their 2nd through 8th grade years can apply during the open enrollment window March 23, 2026- April 23, 2026. Parents understand that enrollment at Royal ISD's STEM Academy program is a transfer from their child's assigned home campus (Royal Elementary, Royal Prairie, Royal Junior High), and an awarded transfer is a privilege.

The overall goal of the STEM Academy is not only to increase student achievement in math and science, but to inspire students by exposing them to rigorous "real world" problems and issues in a project and inquiry based learning environment. Students admitted into STEM must be academically prepared to successfully complete a curriculum that includes depth & complexity and may be a faster pace than on-grade-level classes. Due to this, students at STEM are required to follow the minimum schedule requirements, which include Project Lead the Way in 6-8th grades and Robotics & PLTW in 2nd-5th grades. If a student does not have a schedule that allows for these classes to be taken; this will be considered during the application process.

Royal ISD is rapidly growing in enrollment and has become a fast-growth district. Due to this, adjustments to schedules and programs are ongoing and may also happen throughout the year. The STEM Academy must consider enrollment and classroom capacity when determining the number of students who will be admitted to the STEM Academy each school year. Any student/family who submits an application for the STEM Academy understands that an application does not guarantee admittance to this program/campus for any school year. Parents must complete (1) one application for each year for each individual child they are seeking admittance for. Families with multiple children will NOT be admitted as a group. Students will be assigned a total number of points based on a rubric; admittance order will be based on the point system with a maximum high score of 90 points. Once the Transfer application has been reviewed by the campus and district, parents will be notified on the status of the application; this will include whether or not the student has been admitted for the 2026-2027 school year. Students who are not admitted will be waitlisted and contacted if a space becomes available.

STEM campus hours for 2026-2027 are 7:25AM-3:05PM for **all** grade levels. Please note, elementary aged STEM Academy students may ride school buses with students up to eighth grade.

All applications must be received by Thursday, April 23rd, 2026. Late applications will not be considered; students may not transfer to STEM or apply to STEM throughout the school year due to campus and classroom capacity needs. Applications may be turned in at the STEM Academy front office, or scanned and emailed to ksanchez@royal-isd.net.

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please feel free to contact us at (281) 934-3181 or email ksanchez@royal-isd.net

Si desea esta solicitud en español, por favor visite la oficina principal de su escuela. También puede escanear el código QR o usar el enlace a continuación para acceder a la versión en español de esta solicitud en línea.

Enlace: bit.ly/4uOe02k

Part One: General Information

Student's Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ **RISD Student ID#:** _____

Student's Gender: ⬜ Female ⬜ Male **2025-2026 Grade Level:** _____

School year and grade level for which application is being made: Year: 26-27 Grade Level_____

Has the student ever attended a RISD School: ⬜ Yes ⬜ No

⬜ RISD Resident

⬜ Non-Resident- Name of district the student is zoned to: _____

Parent/Guardian Names: (Father)_____ (Mother)_____

Address:_____

Street City State Zip

Parent Phone: _____ Parent Email: _____

Parent Statement:

Please provide a statement as to why you are applying for your child to be in the Royal STEM Academy and how you plan to partner with the campus to ensure your child's success in this program.

Part Two: STEM Rubric Information

Royal STEM Academy Admission Rubric for the 2026-2027 School Year

Student's Name: _____ Student's Grade for 26-27: _____

Note: To Be Completed by Administration

Area	Criteria	Level I	Level II	Level III	Level IV	Notes	Points Awarded
Academic Engagement	Grades from the 25-26 school Year	A and B average in all classes	A, B & C averages	C averages	D or F Averages		
	Points	15	10	5	0		
Math & Science Emphasis	MOY MAP Math and Science scores from 25-26 school year	MAP Math and Science: Blue	MAP Math and Science: Green & Blue	MAP Math and Science: Yellow, Green & Blue	MAP Math and Science: Red & Orange		
	Points	15	10	5	0		
Math & Science Emphasis	EOY STAAR for 24-25 school year (applies to current 4th graders and older only)	STAAR Math and Science: Masters	STAAR Math and Science: Meets or Above	STAAR Math and Science: Approaches or Above	STAAR Math and Science: Did not Meet		
	Points	15	10	5	0		
Behavior Supporting Learning	From 25-26 school year	Student has 0 ISS/OSS Placements	Students has 1 ISS and/or OSS Placement	Student has 2 ISS and/or OSS Placements	Student has 3 or more ISS and/or OSS Placements		
	Points	15	10	5	0		
Attendance	From 25-26 school year	Student has 4 unexcused absences or less	Student has 5 unexcused absences or less	Student has 6 unexcused absences or less	Student has 7 or more unexcused absences		
	Points	15	10	5	0		
Schedule Flexibility	Intervention requirements based on RTI tier and/or HB 1416	Intervention not required in any subject areas to allow for Robotics & PLTW Electives	Intervention required in one subject area allowing for required STEM electives	Intervention required in two subject areas which may not allow for assigned STEM electives and schedule	Intervention required in three subject areas not allow for assigned STEM electives and schedule		
	Points	15	10	5	0		
Total Points Awarded				_____/90 for current 4th-7th	_____/75 for 1st-3rd		

Part Three: Parent Acknowledgements

Attending Royal ISD's STEM Academy is a privilege, and the district expects all students to fully participate in the academy and to contribute positively to the program's success. To ensure all students and their families understand the expectations of the STEM Academy and their responsibilities,their parents/legal guardians must sign this acceptance agreement as a condition of enrollment in Royal ISD's STEM Academy.

Parents & Students Acknowledge (parent initial):

_____ I understand that attendance at Royal ISD's STEM Academy program is a transfer from my child's assigned home campus (Royal Elementary, Royal Prairie, Royal Junior High), and an awarded transfer is a privilege.

_____ I understand that my student will be expected to follow all rules and regulations of Royal ISD, including those for student conduct and attendance, and that failure to do so may result in the revocation of the transfer with my child's returning to their regular zoned campus.

_____ I understand that, if approved, the admittance to Royal STEM Academy is for a period of one school year only. I understand that my student must reapply each year.

_____ I understand that in determining whether my student will be permitted to enroll in STEM Academy, the district will use a point-scoring rubric, and will also consider class size, space and services available. I understand my child is not guaranteed admittance. I further understand all decisions are final and cannot be appealed.

_____ I understand that Royal ISD is a fast-growth district and not all students who apply to STEM will be admitted. Due to this, I understand my child's active engagement in learning and behavior impact on learning throughout the year will be considered. I understand and agree that if my child does not comply with the rules, they will be subject to removal from the academy at any point in the school year. If my child receives 1 OSS placement or 2 ISS placements they will have a student-review to determine if they will return to their home zoned campus.

_____ 6th through 8th graders only- I will demonstrate responsible behavior if I must travel between STEM and Royal Junior High. I will adhere to the rules of both campuses.

_____ I will support the staff, programs, and policies of the STEM Academy and work collaboratively with the staff on behalf of my student; I will be actively engaged in my child education at STEM Academy.

_____ I understand STEM campus times for the 2026-2027 school year for grades 2-8 are 7:25AM-3:05PM.

_____ As a parent, I will attend meetings scheduled by the STEM Academy, including but not limited to, academic conferences, progress meetings, and disciplinary conferences.

_____ I understand that my 2nd-5th grade student may ride a school bus with 6th-8th grade Royal ISD students if he/she attends Royal STEM Academy.

_____ I understand that, if approved for transfer, I must contact the assigned school within fifteen (15) school days of the date notification is received in order to obtain additional enrollment information.

Parent/Legal Guardian Printed Name: **Parent Signature:**

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Parent/Student Agreement:

My signature below confirms our desire to apply in RISD's STEM Academy for the 2026-27 school year. I understand that enrollment in the STEM Academy is a privilege and is conditional upon our compliance with the rules of the academy and with the expectations set out in this agreement. My signature below confirms that I have read the terms of the agreement and will comply with them as a condition of enrollment. This form must be signed and returned by April 23, 2026. Failure to return this agreement will result in your child's application not being considered.

Student's Full Name: _____ Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____ Parent/Guardian Name: _____