

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
Center for Academic Achievement and Student Development
Science & Technology Entry Program (STEP)

MEMORANDUM

To: Parents and Guardians
From: Dr. Leonese Nelson, Program Director and Tanaya G. Thomas-Edwards, Program Coordinator
Subject: STEP Open Enrollment and Applications
Date: Fall 2016 Application Process

Syracuse University's **Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP)** is in the process of finalizing plans for an enrichment/academic program that students will find both fun and exciting. Special thought and attention has been given to hands-on activities with real life implications. As participants in the program, students can take advantage of math and science tutorials and a Saturday Learning Academy/Enrichment Program which takes place on Syracuse University's campus.

The Academy is comprised of advising, counseling, academic instruction in math and science, tutorials, mentoring and other academic services such as field trips, workshops, book club, professional development, civic engagement and cultural awareness programs. **The STEP program focuses primarily on the academic and personal development of its students. STEP is not an athletic or entertainment program. As a result, STEP is looking for students who are serious about their academic progress and success.** Therefore, students who meet the following requirements are encouraged to apply to the program.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES

Students must:

- Be a New York State resident or have been **a resident of the State of New York twelve months** prior to application.
- Be a member of a **historically underrepresented group** (*Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, American Indian/Native Alaskan*) in the STEM field, or be **economically disadvantaged**.
- Be enrolled in grades 7 – 12 and taking math and science courses.
- Have **an interest** in the math and science fields.
- Have an **overall GPA of 75** or better.
- Have and maintain **a 75 or better average** in math and science courses.
- Have **transportation to and from** the Saturday Learning Academy (STEP will provide bus passes as needed).

Applicants must meet all guidelines and requirements. Applications will be accepted on a first-come first serve basis until all **199 slots have been filled**. The **Deadline for Applications is Friday, September 2, 2016**. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the STEP Office at 443-9171.