

Saturday Academies

STEP will meet at the SUNY New Paltz campus for six Saturday all-day sessions and a field trip in June.

Participants are expected to attend these academies on a regular basis. Programs begin with a guest speaker and then students split out into smaller groups for their modules. Lunch is provided by the program.



Daily Schedule

Arrival:	8:30 - 8:45AM, Coykendall Science Building Auditorium
Guest Speaker:	9:00 - 9:45AM
Morning Module:	10:00 - 11:45AM
Lunch:	12:00 - 12:45PM
Afternoon Module:	1:00 - 2:45PM
Dismissal:	3:00PM

2026-2027 Schedule

November 14, 2026
December 05, 2026 (snow date 12/12)
February 06, 2027 (snow date 2/14)
March 06, 2027 (snow date 3/13)
April 10, 2027
May 08, 2027
June 12, 2027

Program Background

The Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP) is funded by the New York State Education Department (NYSED). STEP's mission is to enhance the math, science, and technology skills of economically disadvantaged students from local middle and high schools.

Ultimately, STEP's goal is to encourage participating students to continue their education after graduation in the fields of math, science, technology, and the licensed professions.

STEP challenges students' existing skills develop new ones, and provides motivation and practical assistance to participants in setting and meeting their educational goals.



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STEP at SUNY New Paltz 2026 - 2027

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Parents

STEP offers parents and guardians free workshops on financial aid and other topics related to supporting their students' education.

We are eager to increase the size and impact of our Parent Advisory Board for 2025 - 2026.

Meetings will be held during Saturday Academies. If you are interested in joining, please call the project office at 845-257-2767.

Eligibility

Participants must meet economically disadvantaged requirements to apply. Participants should also be enrolled in a math course at their grade level, have an interest in technology, science, or math, and have the approval of a parent or guardian.

Contact your STEP advisor for specific information and application materials.

Participant Responsibilities

Attendance

Students are expected to attend all the Saturday Academies and scheduled tutoring sessions.

Please notify your advisor if you cannot attend an academy. If you need to leave early, you must have a written note from your parent or guardian giving permission for early dismissal. No exceptions!

Participation

Please come prepared to participate fully in the day's events. Your attention and your cooperation during classes and other events are expected.

A note to Students: Cellphones are not to be used during Saturday Academies unless required for instructional purposes. There is a dress code for STEP Events, and students are expected to be dressed appropriately. Before STEP begins, both students and parents will be asked to sign a code of conduct. With the first offense, there will be a warning, upon the second offense, you will be asked to leave the program.



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STEP has taught me the value of preparation, discipline, and perseverance. The workshops, tutoring sessions, and college readiness programs have helped me improve academically and develop stronger time management and communication skills.

- Will Matias, Class of 2025

