



Dear Student and Parent or Guardian,

You have been invited to apply for the Suffolk Community College Science & Technology Entry (STEP) Program. This program is offered to students who demonstrate effort and academic success in school. STEP is geared toward offering students additional classes in both science and computer technology, providing them with opportunities they may not receive in their regular curriculum. If accepted, you will take a bus from NMS to Suffolk Community College's Selden Campus for several Saturday morning classes in both the fall and spring. You will also have the chance to participate in a Science Fair with many other students across Long Island. In addition, STEP offers field trips and awards to those students enrolled. If you are interested and wish to expand your academic horizons, please fill out the attached application, complete the essay and **return to Mrs. Schor in room 210 as soon as possible!** Thank you for your time. I hope to see you in STEP! There are also free summer programs available to students who apply & are accepted now.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Schor
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What is STEP?

The Suffolk County Community College (SCCC) component of this three-year STEP project will focus on developing career awareness, basic skills, and real world mathematics, science, and technology applications for 7th, 8th and 9th grade students. Students accepted into the program will include high achievers, those of average ability, and those who have been identified as underrepresented minority and financially disadvantaged students.

How does STEP work?

To apply:

- Complete the application.
- Make sure that a parent or guardian signs it in 3 places.
- Write a short essay about why you want to be in STEP (100-150 words, typed or handwritten)
- Bring it to Mrs. Schor in room 210

The basic academic year program elements will include twelve special Saturday enrichment classes at SCCC, two field trips to local scientific and cultural centers, and local school district activities. The summer program will provide orientation sessions, diagnostic testing, leadership, and career awareness to students entering the program. The Parent Advocacy Group, the Mentorship Program, peer counselors, and local school advisors will form the support services for the project. Five to ten students per grade from each of the eight participating districts will be selected, based on student and parent interest, teacher and counselor recommendations, academic performance, and diagnostic testing.

When are classes held?

Saturday enrichment classes, designed, administered, and taught by SCCC faculty, will consist of career exploration activities, hands-on science, mathematics and computer laboratory experiences, and basic skills development. In addition, guest lectures by leaders from local technological, industrial, social, and educational organizations will provide appropriate role models.

This comprehensive program will provide students with the necessary skills and support services to successfully enter the State University of New York at Stony Brook's STEP project. This approach will provide continuity to the academic growth and career orientation of STEP students, leading to post-secondary education and careers in science, technology, mathematics, and the licensed professions.

Who should apply to the SCCC STEP program?

Students who are interested in learning more about science and technology who are members of underrepresented minority groups or are financially disadvantaged are encouraged to apply.

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I have carefully read and understand the terms and conditions of this Authorization and Release, and agree to be bound by them.

Signature Date

Printed Name

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(Signature of legal guardian is needed if subject is under age 18)

Printed Name of Legal Guardian Date

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