

ASTEME Homeschool FAQ

Curriculum:

What curriculum are you following for all your programs?

- Our unique curriculum was developed in-house by Allan Yu and the teachers at ASTEME to foster passionate, curious, and confident lifelong learners. The state standards are followed in a dynamic way using over 600+ differentiated STEM activities while respecting the different learning styles we see in children.

How do you differentiate the classes for the different ages?

- Within the multi-age classes, the students will work in smaller groups based on level and sometimes interest depending on the class.

What is covered in the STEM classes?

- We HIGHLY recommend taking at least one STEM class with your enrichment or core classes as this is our most popular class. We will cover all things related to how math is used in science, technology and engineering. The curriculum is fluid and current, and is designed to help develop your child's interest and ability in STEM.

What is the Friday passion project STEM class?

- The Friday passion project STEM class is a unique class that was developed to help students not only find their passion, but also to foster and develop it using project-based learning. Our goal with this class is to go really deep with student-led topics which will include creating self-directed projects

What will be covered in Language Arts?

- Our Language Arts offering will be taught by our Language Arts' expert, Amy Bennett, who has been with ASTEME for over 3 years and who has a master's degree in this area. The classes will be age appropriate and will focus on the foundations of reading, writing, research and much more. Click [here](#) for a more detailed description.

Will there be homework?

- There will be suggested homework assignments for our Language Arts classes, and an optional homework piece for our math classes. If you are not coming 4 times a week, we highly recommend having your children continue to practice with your program of choice at home.

My child took a similar theme last year. Will it be different material?

- Absolutely! We are repeating some of the themes due to popular demand, but there will be new topics and new activities connected to each class.

Scheduling:

Can I schedule a tour to come see the center and meet the teachers?

- We are unable to give tours when class is in session; however, we can give tours outside of class times usually before or after class. Please contact airri@asteme.com to schedule a tour.

How many days should my child come?

- We recommend coming at least twice a week for the STEM, math and language arts classes; however, you may choose any combination of classes on any days to come. We currently have families who will be attending all 4 days full-time, and families who are taking a handful of classes a la carte throughout the week.

Will there be opportunities to socialize?

- Yes, there are 30-minute breaks in between classes to allow students to play, socialize, relax, and work on passion projects. Also our classes help the students develop the habit of collaboration as many of our activities involve working with a friend.

What should my child bring?

- We provide all the basic school supplies to your child(ren). If your child is attending multiple classes, please bring a healthy, nut-free snack and/or lunch depending on the schedule.

My child is functioning above grade level. Can he/she take a higher-level math/language arts class?

- Yes, we can make exceptions depending on the student's actual abilities. Please e-mail info@asteme.com to discuss the schedule with Allan.

Financial Questions:

Do you take charter school funds?

- Yes, we are currently a provider for iLead, Inspire, Sky Mountain, Sage Oak, Summit Academy, Excel, and Sage Oak.

How do I sign up with charter school funds?

- On your Ultracamp check out screen, select "Pay by Check" to check out. Make sure you submit the invoice to your charter school and send us proof within 48 hours.



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Do you have scholarship funds available? I would like my child to attend more classes, but our charter does not provide enough funds.

- Yes, one of our mission statements is to provide access and socio-economic/gender equity in the STEM fields. Please click [here](#) to apply for a scholarship.

Do you offer any discounts for siblings?

- We currently do not have any discounts for siblings; however, there is a 5% discount for signing up for an all-day 9AM-3PM session, and a 15% discount on our STEM classes if you take more than one.