



## About Us

Hidden Cove STEAM Academy is a college-prep school that provides rigorous, high-quality education focused on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math to prekindergarten through sixth grade scholars. We offer field experiences and career exploration opportunities with engineers and scientists to our scholars in order to provide them with real-world insight. At Hidden Cove STEAM Academy, we believe in fostering childrens' natural curiosity at an early age by instilling a love for learning through cross-curricular Project & Problem Based Learning. Scholars will leave our campus as innovative and creative critical thinkers with strong collaboration and communication skills mandatory for success in high school, college, and the workforce.

Our vision at Hidden Cove STEAM Academy is to Encourage innovation, Embrace Non-Traditional Learning, and Elevate Student Outcomes. Learn more about our admissions process, eligibility requirements, and lottery procedure in the information below.

### How do you know Hidden Cove STEAM Academy is right for your child?

- Your child enjoys learning by using a blend of science, technology, art, and problem solving.
- Your child enjoys working on projects, exploring, creating, and using technology.
- Your child is interested in STEM career fields and enjoys visual arts.

### Hidden Cove STEAM Academy offers the following:

- STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) is cross-curricular and integrated into every lesson.
- 1:1 Technology with hands-on, Project & Problem Based Learning at each student's individualized learning level.
- Collaborative, inclusive learning environments with flexible learning choices intentionally created to encourage student discourse, innovation, and problem solving.
- Strong emphasis on academics, student achievement, creativity, collaboration, communication, and critical thinking.
- Field experiences, career exploration, and STEAM Clubs including but not limited to: Robotics, Coding, Student Leadership, Gardening, Visual Arts, Cheerleading, Chess, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Karate, Dance, Guitar, and Graphic Design.

## Admissions

Thank you for your interest in joining the Hidden Cove STEAM Academy!

- New to Southwest ISD applicants: Please apply online at [SWISD 2021-2022 Online Registration](#).
- Current Southwest ISD students: Please complete the application form online at [Student Application](#).
- 2020-2021 PreK-4th Grade Scholars currently enrolled at Hidden Cove **do not** need to apply.
- 2020 5th Grade Scholars currently enrolled at Hidden Cove **do** need to complete the online application form online at [Student Application](#).
- Siblings of currently enrolled scholars will be given priority admission.

## Enrollment Document Requirements

- Same as Southwest ISD required documents.

## Eligibility Requirements

- To apply to the 2021-2022 school year, your child must be at least four years of age (for Pre-K Lottery) or five years of age (for Kindergarten Lottery) on or by September 1, 2021.
- Short Written Essay (2021-2022 5th & 6th Grader Scholars Only)
- Parent & Scholar Agreement Form (For Scholars and Families not in Hidden Cove Boundaries)

## Parent & Scholar Agreements

- Arrive at school on time everyday
- Maintain 90% or above attendance rate
- Maintain average of 70% or above in all core content areas
- Maintain positive behavior

## Lottery Procedures

A lottery will be conducted if the number of applicants that meet the admissions eligibility requirements exceeds the number of seats available. The lottery will take place April 26th, 2021. The lottery will be conducted using a custom built program by our district instructional technology team.

## Waiting List

Once the number of available seats are filled, our lottery will be paused. The lottery drawings will then resume to create a waiting list. Applicants on the waiting list will be notified. When space becomes available, applicants will be called beginning with the lowest number assignment.

## 2021-2022 Courses Offered

- PreK - 5th Grade Rigorous & Differentiated Core Content
  - English Language Arts & Reading
  - Spanish Language Arts & Reading
  - Science
  - Social Studies
- 6th Grade Differentiated Honors Core Content
  - English Language Arts & Reading
  - Mathematics
  - Science
  - Social Studies
- Rotations & Electives
  - Physical Education (PreK-6th Grade)
  - Fine Arts (PreK-6th Grade)
  - Engineering (PreK-6th Grade)
  - Coding (3rd - 6th Grade)
  - Digital Design (3rd - 6th Grade)

## Transportation

Hidden Cove STEAM Academy **will not** provide transportation. Parents/guardians will need to provide transportation both to and from school.

## Non-Discrimination Statement

It is the policy of Southwest Independent School District to comply with all state and federal regulations regarding admission. The lottery process will not discriminate on the basis of gender, national origin, ethnicity, religion, disability, or academics.

Take a glimpse into PBL at Hidden Cove Steam Academy (scan QR code)

