

The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory LLC (JHU/APL)
Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM) Program
APL STEM Academy – 2025/26 Academic Year



Name of Student (print): _____ **Age:** _____ **Class:** _____

1. **SCOPE:** APL STEM Academy ("STEM Academy") is an afterschool program (5:00-6:30 PM EDT) for middle and high school students at The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory ("JHU/APL") located at the JHU/APL campus at 11091 Johns Hopkins Road, Laurel, MD 20723. The undersigned, on behalf of myself and/or the minor child listed below if they are participating ("Student"), give permission for Student to take part in 2025-26 STEM Academy course(s) and class activities at JHU/APL, and to handle and use sensitive equipment, computers, materials, and chemicals in association with said activities.
2. **ELIGIBILITY:** Middle or high school Student involved in a STEM Academy course or courses during the 2025-26 academic year. JHU/APL is not responsible for Student's transportation nor for supervising Student before and after program hours.
3. **TRANSPORTATION:** Student must provide their own transportation to JHU/APL. JHU/APL is not responsible for Student's transportation nor for supervising Student before and after program hours.
4. **STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT:** Student will abide by and follow all applicable laws, regulations, policies, guidelines, rules and standards of conduct of STEM Academy, as well as all directions and instructions of STEM Academy and JHU/APL personnel. JHU/APL reserves the right to limit or terminate Student's participation if, in the sole and absolute discretion of STEM Academy personnel, Student's actions or conduct do not conform to the foregoing, or otherwise are dangerous, destructive or disruptive.
5. **HONOR CODE:** Cheating, plagiarizing, or other acts of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. We will investigate every suspected violation. In the event that a violation of academic dishonesty has occurred, the consequences are as follows: For the first offense, the student will not earn a certificate for the course and will have to repeat the course. For the second offense, the student will be dismissed from APL's STEM Academy program and will be ineligible to enroll in future STEM Academy courses.
6. **PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT:** Parents/guardians are responsible for promptly completing and returning supporting documentation and checking the status of materials sent by third parties. Parents/guardians are responsible for students before and after the posted course times (5:00-6:30PM). Parents/guardians agree to treat all JHU/APL staff with respect and to avoid disruptive behavior. Failure to adhere to these commitments may result in removal of student from the current and/or future applicant pool at JHU/APL's discretion.
7. **VIRTUAL STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT:** Virtual students are expected to actively participate using their computer and camera as if they were attending an in-person course. Students should always have cameras on and have their entire face visible during class periods. Virtual students should attend courses in a low-distraction environment, free of television, cell-phones, and excessive household noise. Students should be aware of their background during a virtual course and ensure that no inappropriate content is displayed.
8. **RISK:** I fully understand and acknowledge that: (a) risks and dangers exist in my child's use of equipment and my child's participation in STEM Academy activities which may result in injury or damage to personal property caused by other students, by accidents, or by the forces of nature of other causes, (b) risks and dangers may arise from foreseeable or unforeseeable causes and I hereby accept and assume these risks and dangers for myself and on behalf of my child participating in such activities, and hereby waive, release, and forever discharge JHU/APL, its affiliates, employees, sponsors, agents and the officers, directors, employees, licensees, successors, and assigns of the foregoing (collectively, the "Released Parties"), from any liability or claimed liability in connection with the STEM Academy program and against any and all claims, costs, liabilities, expenses, or judgments, including attorneys' fees and court costs (collectively, "Claims") arising out of participation in STEM Academy, or any illness or injury resulting therefrom and hereby agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Released Parties from and against any and all such Claims by third parties arising out of my activities during such participation.
9. **MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION:** The parent/guardian authorizes JHU/APL Medical Services (including, when appropriate, Emergency Medical Technicians) to render emergency related medical care to the student, and further authorize JHU/APL to transport the student to an appropriate medical facility so that emergency medical care can be rendered.
10. **PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASE:** The parent/guardian authorize JHU/APL or their agents to use, reproduce, and/or publish photographs, videotapes, and other recordings that may pertain to the student including image, likeness and/or voice without compensation. This material may be used in various publications, public affairs releases, recruitment materials, broadcast public service advertising

(PSAs) or for other related endeavors. This material may also appear on JHU/APL web pages. This authorization is continuous but may be withdrawn if submitted in writing by the parent/guardian to:

The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory
ATTENTION: STEM Program Manager
11000 Johns Hopkins Road Laurel, MD 20723.

11. **CONSENT AND RELEASE:** The Student and their parent/guardian release, discharge and agree to save harmless JHU/APL, its affiliates, employees, sponsors, agents and the officers, directors, employees, licensees, successors, and assigns of the foregoing, from any liability or claimed liability in connection with the STEM Academy program.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: By signing below I acknowledge that I have read this agreement and fully understand its terms and my rights and obligations under this agreement.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Emergency contact information – please provide two adults that we should contact in case of an emergency:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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