

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ATTENDANCE** **AT STEM SCHOOL CHATTANOOGA**

The Hamilton County School of Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM School) offers students an unprecedented opportunity to acquire knowledge and to develop skills that will serve them as they pursue higher education and become productive members of an increasingly technologically driven society. Situated on the campus of Chattanooga State Community College, the STEM School offers this opportunity to students in a unique learning environment where students have greater access to the Hamilton County community than they would were they attending a typical high school.

With the privileges of attending the STEM School come greater responsibilities for each student. Each STEM student, as well as his or her parents or guardians, understands that the Hamilton County Department of Education has a unique set of expectations for each student participating in the STEM program, most of which are incorporated into these Terms and Conditions.

### **School-Issued Devices and Wi-Fi Access**

As an essential component of the school STEM program, the Hamilton County Department of Education will issue to each STEM student an electronic device capable of allowing the student to download class materials, upload graded work, and to participate fully in the school's curriculum. For the 2017-2018 school year, the Hamilton County Department of Education will issue to STEM students Apple i-Pad Air 2s. The school system may change its selection of electronic devices from time to time based upon the needs of the school and its curriculum.

- **Responsibility for the device**

The device the Hamilton County Department of Education issues to each STEM student will be catalogued in the school system's inventory control system and equipped with tracking software. Nevertheless, each STEM student and his or her parents or guardians are personally responsible for any school-issued device and must safeguard it against damage, theft or loss. If any school-issued device becomes damaged, stolen or lost, the STEM student is personally responsible for notifying the school administration immediately.

The student and his or her parents or guardians are responsible for reimbursing the Hamilton County Department of Education for any costs incurred in repairing or replacing the school-issued device. If a STEM student fails to reimburse the Hamilton County Department of Education for costs associated with repairing or replacing a school-issued device, the Hamilton County Department of Education reserves the right to disenroll the student from the STEM Program, assign him or her back to his or her zoned school, and treat the outstanding obligation as a debt.

STEM students and their parents or guardians are encouraged to insure the school-issued devices against damage, loss or theft and, if they choose to do so, should name the Hamilton County Department of Education as an additionally insured party.

- Use of the device

In order to participate in the school curriculum, each student is required to bring his school-issued device to school every day fully charged and ready to operate. Since a student's failure to meet this expectation will impact his or her ability to participate in the STEM School's curriculum, the school administration may discipline any student who fails to meet this expectation when doing so prevents the student from turning in a graded assignment, taking a test, or otherwise participating in the school day.

Since the STEM School is located on the campus of Chattanooga State Community College, and since the school-issued devices will have Wi-Fi capabilities, students will be able to access Chattanooga State's Wi-Fi network. Because Chattanooga State's Wi-Fi network is unfiltered, however, students are prohibited from accessing Chattanooga State's network without the express permission of a STEM School teacher or administrator.

During the school day, STEM students are also prohibited from using school-issued devices to access social networking sites or sending any electronic communications to any person that are disparaging, abusive, harassing or discriminatory. STEM students are also prohibited from utilizing their school issued devices in any fashion that would violate the Hamilton County Department of Education's Acceptable Use policy, a copy of which is attached to these Terms and Conditions.

### **The Chattanooga State Campus**

The STEM School is located on the campus of Chattanooga State Community College. This location provides STEM students with access to resources unavailable in typical high school settings including a college level library, auditorium, science labs, and recreational facilities. However, because Chattanooga State is an open campus, STEM students will have the opportunity to have unmonitored contact with Chattanooga State students and members of the public.

STEM students are expected to follow the directions of teachers and school administrators at all times and to be only in specifically designated areas of the Chattanooga State campus. If a Chattanooga State student or a member of the public approaches a STEM student or attempts to interact with a STEM student in any way that makes the student feel uncomfortable, then the STEM student should immediately remove himself or herself from the situation and report the incident to the STEM School

Administration. While both Chattanooga State and the STEM School are committed to providing a safe and pleasant learning environment for STEM students, each STEM student must also exercise personal responsibility when interacting with persons outside of the STEM School.

**Standards of Student Conduct**

Each STEM student is expected to understand and comply with the Hamilton County Department of Education’s Code of Acceptable Behavior, a copy of which is attached to these Terms and Conditions. In addition to the specific provisions of the Code of Acceptable Behavior, STEM students are held to an ever higher standard by the Department of Education inasmuch as they are ambassadors for the school system to the greater Hamilton County community. STEM students are expected to conduct themselves with the decorum and maturity of a young adult pursuing higher education.

**Acknowledgement**

I have read these Terms and Conditions as well the attached documents, the Hamilton County Department of Education’s Acceptable Use Policy and the Hamilton County Department of Education’s Code of Acceptable Behavior. I understand what is expected of me as a student enrolled in the Hamilton County School of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, and I agree to be bound by these Terms and Conditions.

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Date

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Student’s Signature

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Parent or Guardian’s Signature