



Liberty Middle School

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STEM I Mr. Merchant

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Classroom Digital Platforms	Webpage Link: https://www.madisoncity.k12.al.us/Page/10154 All materials used in class will be posted in Schoology.
Textbook Information	There is no textbook for this course. We use a variety of resources, activities and lessons to meet STEM I Standards. You will be able to see them in Schoology.
Course Description	STEM I is a course that overviews foundational concepts of technology, how technology and society interact, the Engineering Design Process, the Designed World, and Digital Literacy. Typically, this course is hands-on, project based. Assignments will also be listed in Schoology should a student be absent for any reason.
Course Objectives	This courses objectives will meet the Alabama State STEM Technologies I Standards.
Course Outline	This course will utilize some We Build It Better (WBIB) material, but specific assignments and projects will be picked based on students interests.
Classroom Expectations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cell phones must be powered down and in your backpack from 8:15 am - 3:20 pm. 2. Be seated and ready for class when the bell rings. Students tardy to class will receive a detention per LMS policy. 3. Come prepared for class. Bring all necessary supplies. 4. Respect your teacher, your classmates, and yourself. 5. If it's not yours, don't touch it. Keep your hands and feet to yourself. <p>All students must follow the Madison City Schools Code of Conduct.</p>
Technology & Cell Phone/Digital Device Procedures	<p>Effective July 1, 2025, the use, operation, or possession of Wireless Communications Devices including but not limited to cellular telephones, tablet computers, laptop computers, pagers, gaming devices, smart watches, earphones or headphones in school buildings or on school grounds during the Instructional Day, is prohibited. Violation of Board policy with respect to such use, operation, or possession of Wireless Communication Devices will constitute a Class II violation. Madison City Schools has outlined an Electronic/Wireless Device Policy (Policy 6.20) on page 137 of the MCS Policy Manual.</p> <p>Students should bring their MCS chromebooks and chargers to class each day. Teachers monitor student activity and participation; however, students are responsible for their activity on school-issued devices and using their MCS accounts.</p>
Progressive Discipline (LMS Policy)	<p>Step 1: Verbal warning</p> <p>Step 2: Student/teacher conference</p> <p>Step 3: Parent contact/conference</p> <p>Step 4: Detention and a parent contact</p>

	Step 5: Referral to administration for repeat Class I violations and initial Class II and Class III offenses (Madison City Schools Code of Conduct)
Grading Policy (MCS Policy)	<p>60% = Assessments (Indicator Tests and Retakes) 40% = Daily Grades (Quizzes, Homework, Classwork, Projects, and Participation)</p> <p>Grades will be a reflection of mastery of the standards.</p>
Technology Policy	Student laptops should not be hard-wired to the network or have print capabilities. Use of discs, flash drives, jump drives, or other USB devices will not be allowed on Madison City computers. Neither the teacher, nor the school is responsible for broken, stolen, or lost laptops. Laptops and other electronic devices will be used at the individual discretion of the teacher.
Late Work Policy	<p>All work is expected to be turned in complete and on time. Late work will be accepted for credit until the end of the instructional unit with a 25% deduction in points after the unit is complete. If an extension is needed due to an extenuating circumstance, please work with the teacher to decide on an adjusted due date. Communication is required to secure possible points if an assignment is to be turned in late.</p> <p>A final due date will be set for any missing assignments at the end of each term to provide time for grading.</p>
Make-up Work/Test Policy	Students with excused absences will be allowed to make-up all work within three days of returning to school. It is the student's responsibility to ask for make-up work. Students can get with a classmate or ask the teacher for help. Work that is not made up will become a zero (including project grades).
Materials & Supplies	<p>Please see the 2025-2026 LMS Supply List here.</p> <p><u>Teacher Wish List:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kleenex (PRIORITY!) • Hand sanitizer
Homework	This class is unlikely to have any homework, however students may plan for some projects at home.
Parent & Student Acknowledgment Form	<p>Please complete the Syllabus Agreement Form acknowledging that you have fully read and understand each part of this syllabus. (This form must be completed <u>together</u> by both parent/guardian and student.)</p> <p>I am so excited to begin this new year with you! We are going to have a great year of learning and growing :)! </p>

This syllabus is subject to change.