

## **Details about STEP**

- We meet from about 8:30 - 3:00 on Mondays in Appleton, WI
  - This consists of four approximately 1 hour 15 minute classes.
  - We ask that all students participate in at least 2 of the 4 class hours per day & our Lunchtime Connection Hour (with student presentations, interactive activities, & more.)
- The calendar year consists of 2 fifteen-week semesters between the months of September to May, with scheduled weeks off for holidays & breaks.
- Additional activities are planned by parents & enjoyed by all.
- As a participation requirement for STEP, we ask that one parent per family volunteers in some form. This may be that you tutor a class, or help clean at the end of the day. There are many options! If this isn't a possibility, but you would still like your student to participate, reach out to us as we do have other options.
- During each class, tutors plan activities & lessons for each class to participate in together, to further their understanding of the content. They will also plan about four hours of work to do at home between STEP class times. Each class will have a research, writing, & public speaking component sometime in the semester.
  - Per the laws of Wisconsin, each family is completely responsible for the education of their child & the administration of a grade for their student.
  - The time spent together in STEP cannot count towards the 875 hours of schooling of your student for the year. However, you may count the work done outside of class.
  - For students to actively participate in the following week's class period, the tutor may require completion of homework, so we ask students to commit to the completion of assigned homework in a timely manner.
  - It is the parents' job to assign the grade they see fit.
- Some of the classes in past semesters of STEP: biology, chemistry, physics, IEW (writing), literature, speech, civics, history, Spanish, French, apologetics, sewing, art, life skills, mixed bag, logic games, health, & more!
- A family registration fee helps cover our operating costs such as building fees, insurance, etc. Each class also has a supply fee to support the tutor's class purchases. We aim to keep this fee as reasonable as possible.
- Our families are the most important part of STEP. It is important to us that each family is committed to the mission of STEP. We know this may not be a fit for all homeschooling families because of our freedoms to school as we choose.
- We hold a Christian worldview, however we are not denomination-specific.
- There will be some required parent meetings & other student activities that may take place sporadically during the year but we do try to limit them.
- Our main form of communication is email & text so it is extremely important that each family is committed to regular use of email communications for the success of STEP.
- You are invited to visit us on [Facebook](#) for a peek into our cooperative.