STEP Commuter Policy

*Handbooks with further camp information are available on our website at precollege.wisc.edu/step.*

The Summer Transitional Enrichment Program (STEP) is designed to immerse academically advanced middle school students in a challenging and inspiring learning community. Commuter students are required to attend Opening and Closing day activities and all daily camp activities from 8:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m., Monday – Friday. Most STEP students are residential, and many friendship-building activities happen on the weekends. Commuter students are encouraged to join these activities whenever possible.

All commuter students are provided lunch and dinner (included in tuition) Monday – Friday to participate in daily academic activities and help foster the social connections made with other students. Commuters who choose to participate in weekend recreational activities and wish to eat meals during that time will be charged on a per meal basis.

Commuter students must be dropped off by a parent/guardian by 8:15 a.m. each morning and picked up by a parent/guardian at 8:30 p.m. The drop off and pick up locations will be shared in pre-program communication and found in the handbook. Commuter students and their parents must check-in and out with their RA each day within the scheduled window set by the commuter RA.

Badger Precollege cannot assume responsibility or liability for commuter students when they are not in class or participating in a program activity. If you have any concerns about the policies, please contact Katie Effertz at katie.effertz@wisc.edu.

To help your child get the most out of their STEP experience, we suggest the following things:

- Pack a bag with athletic shoes, swimming suite, towel, and extra set of clothes to be kept at camp. There will be space available for students to put their extra bag.
- The social/emotional elements of camp are equally as important as the academic portion of camp. If you are able, we recommend commuter students to participate in the weekend activities, arriving at 11:15 a.m. and departing campus at 5:00 p.m. in order to participate in all the camp activities. Participation in the weekend activities can be communicated with the commuter RA during the program.
- There may be evenings toward the end of the program when the pick-up time for students is pushed later. This will be communicated with the families prior to those days by the commuter RA.

We agree to the commuter policies and understand that our child must report to program staff members each day and at every session. We understand that my child must be in attendance from 8:15 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Student Name: ____________________________________________________

Student Signature: ___________________________ Date: _________________

Parent/Guardian Signature: ___________________________ Date: _________________

Please sign and return to Badger Precollege by May 31st, 2022.

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