

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

Students with mathematical/scientific ability and proven academic performance are logical candidates.

TARGET GROUP 1:

Students who meet ALL of the following criteria:

- Pre-requisite course: Algebra 1
- Test scores: one of the following or a combination of qualifying math and reading scores
  - ✓ Standardized Reading stanine at or above 7 and math stanine at or above 8
  - ✓ 6th or 7th grade FCAT 2.0 Reading score at or above 235 AND 7th grade FCAT 2.0 math score at or above 254
  - ✓ 6th or 7th grade FCAT 2.0 Reading score at or above 235 AND 7th grade Algebra 1 EOC Level 3 or above
- 6th and 7th grade Final Academic Grades (math, science, social studies, English, world language) at or above B
- 8th grade Semester Average Academic Grades (math, science, social studies, English, world language) at or above B

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TARGET GROUP 2 (Course pre-requisite must be met):

Students who do not meet the above testing or academic grades criteria may be placed in this group based on a common rubric that is used to calculate the percentage of criteria the student has demonstrated. At least 10% of the incoming 9th grade class will be selected from Target Group 2.

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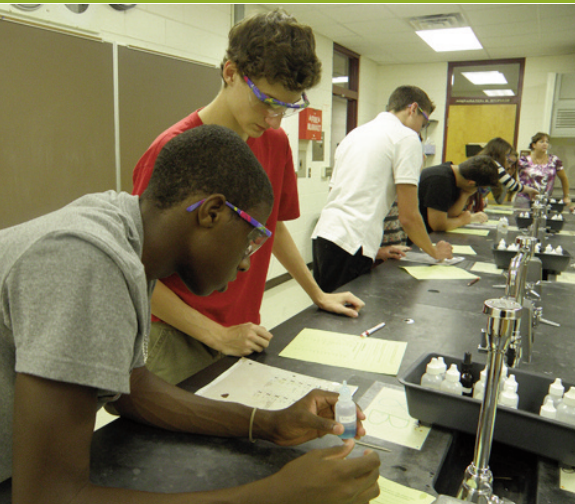


HOW TO APPLY

The ISTEM Program at Countryside High is part of the north county application area. Only students zoned for Dunedin High, Palm Harbor University High, Tarpon Springs High, East Lake High and Countryside High may apply for this program during the designated application period.

TRANSPORTATION

Arterial bus transportation (buses that operate on main roads with a limited number of stops) is provided within the North Application Area, which consists of the attendance zones for Countryside, Dunedin, East Lake, Palm Harbor, and Tarpon Springs High Schools. Magnet bus stop locations may require that parents drive their children to and from the stop.



OUR MISSION

The mission of the ISTEM program at Countryside High School is to offer an accelerated curriculum that develops skills in science, technology, engineering and mathematics that will provide students the opportunity for success in college, careers, and life.

OUR VISION

The vision of Countryside High School is that teachers will provide the opportunity for all students to be successful learners and to become active participants in our society by creating a safe learning environment and building positive relationships.

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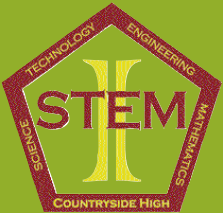
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ABOUT US

Countryside High School is located in the northeastern portion of Pinellas County and serves the communities of Clearwater and Safety Harbor. In addition, students from the Palm Harbor and East Lake areas also attend Countryside. We are one of the larger schools within the Pinellas County School System. Excellence is emphasized in the variety of programs offered at our school. Countryside consistently ranks among the top schools in the region in academic achievement and parent involvement.

The ISTEM program provides students rigorous college preparatory academic opportunities across all academic subjects while providing an emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Students will have opportunities to study and apply emerging technologies in real-world scenarios. ISTEM students will be required to complete Advanced Placement and/or college dual enrollment courses prior to graduation in addition to completing elective courses of study leading to industry certifications.

areas of study

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS, MULTIMEDIA, RESEARCH

The Institute for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (ISTEM) offers a rigorous four-year academic program emphasizing:

- Advanced mathematics
- Advanced science
- Research
- Engineering technology

Students select one of the following three strands as their focus:

- Computer applications/IT Network Security (Cybersecurity)
- Biotechnology

- Multimedia/television production

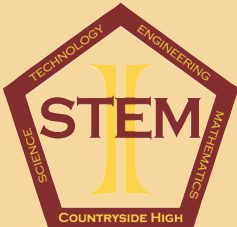
Students who graduate from the ISTEM program will be prepared for careers in computer and information systems, network and computer systems, network and data communications systems, biotechnology research, biotechnology manufacturing, multimedia technology/production, and television production.

The program provides hands-on, student-centered laboratory experiences, as well as real-world experiences. Students will have the opportunity to earn industry certifications such as Microsoft Office Specialist, CompTIA A+, CompTIA Security+,

what is a magnet?

Magnet programs focus on a certain theme with specialized curriculum in areas such as arts, communication, science and technology, and gifted studies. Some programs have eligibility requirements. Students living anywhere in the county may apply.

CompTIA Network+, Apple FinalCut Pro, Adobe Suite, and Biotechnology. Students are required to complete an in-depth research project.



ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

While enrolled in this magnet program, students have the opportunity to participate in the following activities and clubs:

- Academic Team
- All sports teams: baseball, basketball, cheerleading, cross country, football, golf, swimming/diving, volleyball, soccer, wrestling, baseball, flag football, softball, tennis, and track
- Band and Color Guard
- Debate Club
- Drama Club
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Florida Future Educators of America
- GFWC Clearwater Junioresettes
- Hands That Care
- Interact Service Club
- Marine Biology Club
- Mu Alpha Theta
- National Honor Society
- Multicultural Club
- Principal's Multicultural Advisory Committee
- Relay for Life
- Robotics Club
- SADD
- Spanish Nat'l Honor Society
- Student Government
- Video Club
- Youth Crime Watch
- Youth in Government



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HIGHLIGHTS

- State-of-the-art equipment
- Strong emphasis on research
- Participation in local, state, regional and international science fairs and competitions
- Hands-on application of curriculum
- Cross-curriculum integration of topics
- Morning news show, UPC, recognized as best in the nation, Southeast, Florida
- Universal Studies High School Video Competitions, finalist 9 of 10 years
- UPC is a licensed affiliate of both CNN and PBS