

The North Country Science & Technology Entry Program

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Math, science, and technology play a major role in our lives today. The North Country Science and Technology Entry Program (NCSTEP) would like to encourage your child's interest in these fields through academic support services and enrichment activities. NCSTEP will help to support your student throughout his/her time at BOCES and on to college or the workforce.

NCSTEP serves approximately 300 students in the Canton, Madrid-Waddington, Massena, Parishville-Hopkinton, and Salmon River school districts, as well as SLL-BOCES. Our goal is to increase the number of historically underrepresented and income eligible students prepared to enter college in majors involving math, science, technology, engineering, health related fields and the licensed professions. To be eligible to participate in NCSTEP, students must be historically underrepresented in STEM careers or licensed professions (American Indian/Alaskan Native, African American, Hispanic/Latino) or meet economic guidelines. If students are eligible for free/reduced lunch, they meet the economic eligibility for NCSTEP (see below).

# of Household Dependents	2024-25 Eligible Income	2025-26 Eligible Income
1	\$26,973	\$27,861
2	\$36,482	\$37,814
3	\$45,991	\$47,767
4	\$55,500	\$57,720
5	\$65,009	\$67,673
6	\$74,518	\$77,626
7	\$84,027	\$87,579
8	\$93,536	\$97,532

All program offerings are FREE to NCSTEP participants and include, but are not limited to:

- Financial support for college course credits, exams, and certifications
- Stipends paid for research, internship, and job-shadowing experiences
- Scholar Dollars for academic achievement (honor and high honor roll)
- Financial support for educational items including scrubs, stethoscopes, and other supplies
- Summer Research Week
- Cover costs associated with conferences or workshops, including registration fees and travel
- Providing access to Kaplan or other test prep sites
- SAT and ACT preparation and fee waivers
- College application and financial aid assistance
- Campus visits

If you would like your student to be considered for enrollment in this program, please complete and sign the attached application form and return to the appropriate BOCES guidance office. You can also mail it to the below address, attention Mary Stickney. Please feel free to call or email our office with any questions.

Sincerely,
Mary Stickney, Director



APPLICATION FORM SLL-BOCES

North Country Science & Technology Entry Program (NCSTEP)

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Last Name:		First Name:		Middle Initial:
Date of Birth:				
Gender Identification: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male Self Identify:				
Mailing Address:	Number and Street:			
	City:		State:	Zip:
NYS Resident: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Reservation Resident: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Home School:			Grade:	
BOCES Site: <input type="checkbox"/> Seaway Tech <input type="checkbox"/> Northwest Tech <input type="checkbox"/> Southwest Tech				
Program of Study: _____ Guidance Counselor at BOCES: _____				
Student Email at Home School:				
Ethnicity: (you may check more than one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian (specify tribe/nation: _____)			
	<input type="checkbox"/> African American			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Alaskan Native			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander			
	<input type="checkbox"/> White			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other			
Parent/Guardian(s) Name:				
Parent/Guardian Email:				
Home Phone: ()			Work Phone: ()	
Cell Parent: ()			Cell Student: ()	
Student lives with and Relationship? (please print)				
Home Address (if different than above)				

Future Career Plans

In the space below, please identify a few STEM or health care careers you may be interested in learning more about.

APPLICATION FORM

North Country Science & Technology Entry Program (NCSTEP)

Release Form (for everyone to complete)

I certify that the information on this form is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I hereby give my child permission to participate in NCSTEP and authorize the NCSTEP program:

1. to have access to my student's transcripts, grade reports, standardized test scores, etc. for as long as my student participates in the program. I understand that all information will be kept confidential.
2. to verify free/reduced lunch status, if indicated below.
3. to provide academic support services and career counseling in order to assist and encourage my son/daughter with career and higher education choices.
4. to use photos or video footage that may be taken during NCSTEP program experiences. This footage may be used to document programming and potentially shared through program website/social media accounts.
5. to give the New York State Education Department contact information on my son/daughter. This information will be forwarded to colleges who will provide student information to all colleges and universities in the State of New York that administer a CSTEP project (CSTEP is the collegiate version of NCSTEP). Students may then receive admissions and financial aid information from these institutions.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Family Income Information

(This portion is only required for students who are not American Indian, Alaska Native, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino)

If your child's eligibility for NCSTEP is based on income, NCSTEP uses the same guidelines as schools use to determine eligibility for free and reduced lunch. If you indicate below that your child is eligible or receives free/reduced lunch, we will have the school verify that below. NCSTEP uses state funds so we must follow their eligibility guidelines. The information provided is kept strictly confidential, used only to determine eligibility.

Are you eligible for or do you receive free/reduced school lunch? Yes No

For School/BOCES Official Use Only

I hereby certify that the student submitting this application is eligible for free/reduced lunch.

School District/BOCES Official's Signature _____ Date _____

School District/BOCES Official's Title _____

For NCSTEP Office Use Only

NCSTEP Director's Signature: _____

Approved Not Approved Pending