



# wcaty

Wisconsin Center for Academically Talented Youth  
University of Wisconsin - Madison

## STEP Commuter Policy

*Handbooks with further camp information will be emailed in late June.*

The Summer Transitional Enrichment Program is designed to immerse gifted 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. – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. Most STEP students are residential, and many friendship-building activities happen on the weekends and evenings. Commuter students are encouraged to stay on campus 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 may be picked up by a parent/guardian at 5:00 or 8:30 p.m. (their pick up time must be established with their RA at drop off). The drop off and pick up locations will be available 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.

WCATY 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 [effertz@wisc.edu](mailto: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 students to stay until 8:30 p.m. to be able to participate in all the camp activities. This can be decided daily with your family.
- 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.

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We agree to the commuter policies and understand that our child must report to WCATY staff members each day and at every session. We understand that my child must be in attendance from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please sign and return to WCATY by June 01, 2017.**