

What is RIT STEP?

The Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP) is a state-funded grant program that provides academic enrichment to underrepresented students in grades 7th—12th through activities such as hands-on workshops, tutoring, mentoring, college and career exploration, field trips, summer camps, and leadership training. STEP assists students in preparation for careers in science, technology, math, health-related fields, and state licensed professions.

Eligibility

Students who wish to participate in STEP must meet the following criteria:

- ⇒ Be a member of a historically underrepresented group from the math, science, technology, and health-related fields as stated by the NYS Education Department. These are: African-American/Black, Latino/Hispanic, Native American/Alaskan Native, and/or economically disadvantaged (any ethnicity).
 - ◆ Academic eligibility requires a GPA of 3.0 (students with a 2.5 or higher GPA may be accepted on a probationary basis).

STEP Activities

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| ⇒ STEAM Saturday | ⇒ RIT Connections |
| ◆ Lego Robotics | ⇒ Leadership Development |
| ◆ Research Experiences | ⇒ Parent Engagement |
| ◆ Hands on Workshops | ⇒ School Break Activities |
| ⇒ SAT/ACT prep classes | ⇒ Annual STEP conference |
| ⇒ Tutoring | ⇒ Academic competitions |
| ⇒ Mentoring | ⇒ Summer Programming |
| ⇒ Field trips | ⇒ Achievement Recognition |
| ⇒ College & career exploration | ⇒ And more... |