



Open Enrollment Period: September 1 - December 1

All applicants will be entered into a public random drawing to determine admittance and position on the waiting list. Applicants currently on a waiting list will be included in the drawing, so positions may shift on the waiting list from year to year. All students who submit an application after December 1 will be added to the waiting list in the order received. Only applications from current 5th - 7th grade students, who will be in 6th-8th grade for the 2026-27 school year, will be accepted. **All completed applications must be submitted by 4:00 pm on December 1.** Current 6 - 8th grade students can apply at any time to be added to the bottom of the 2025-26 waiting list (first come first serve).

Applications received after December 1: All students who submit an application after December 1 will be added to the bottom of the waiting list (as determined by the lottery) in the order received.

An application submitted by mail must be postmarked by December 1, 2025 in order to be considered submitted on time.

Public Random Drawing: The public random drawing will be held at 4:30pm on Monday, December 15 at Sherman Thomas STEM Academy (51 E. Adell St., Madera, CA 93638). The public is invited, but not required, to attend. The office will contact all families on December 16 and 17 with the results of the drawing.

Questions and Applications may be submitted to:

Jamie Brock (principal)

51 E. Adell St. (physical address) **or** 101 W. Adell St. (mailing address)

Madera, CA 93638

(559) 871-5490

jabrock@stcsca.org

FAQ's

Isn't there already a Sherman Thomas school?

Sherman Thomas STEM Academy is the newest member of the Sherman Thomas organization (we opened in 2017). Our sister schools are Sherman Thomas Charter School (a TK-8 model that opened in 2003) and Sherman Thomas Charter High School (an independent study hybrid model that opened in 2009)

What is a charter school?

Charter schools are public schools regulated by federal and state law. Charter schools are tuition-free and open to all students, non-sectarian, and do not discriminate on any basis. They are publicly funded by local, state, and federal tax dollars based on enrollment, like other public schools. They are held accountable to state and federal academic standards. As free public schools of choice, charter schools do not engage in selective admissions policies and must accept all students, including students with disabilities and English Learners (ELs) regardless of previous academic performance. Charter schools must use a process to randomly select students, often times a lottery system, if there are more interested students than available seats. (Taken from California Charter Schools Association website, www.ccsa.org.)

How do I get my child signed up?

Follow the application process outlined on page one of this packet. If we have more students apply by the end of the enrollment period than we have spots for, we will have a public random drawing ("lottery") early in the following month.

Where do I turn the application in?

You may submit your application to Sherman Thomas STEM Academy at 51 E. Adell St., or you may mail it to Sherman Thomas STEM Academy at 101 W. Adell St., Madera, CA 93638. If you have any questions, please contact principal Jamie Brock at (559) 871-5490. You may also scan the application and email it to Jamie at jabrock@stcsca.org. If the office is closed on the date of an enrollment period deadline, we will accept applications the first day our office is open following that date, until 4:00pm (ie. If November 30 falls on a Sunday, applications will be accepted until Monday, December 1 until 4:00pm).

When will I know if my student has been accepted?

The fall enrollment period application deadline is 4:00 pm on November 30. At that time, if the number of applicants exceeds the number of available openings, we will hold a public random drawing to select applicants to be admitted. The lottery will also determine the sequence of applicants on our waiting list. This lottery will be held within a few weeks of the close of the enrollment period, and the public is welcome (but not required) to attend. Contact Jamie Brock for a specific date for the public lottery.

All applicants selected during the lottery process will be given an enrollment packet to be completed. Students with incomplete packets by the deadline will be removed from the admittance list and will be placed at the bottom of the waiting list. We will fill that opening with the next student on the waiting list, who will then have a limited time to complete the enrollment packet or move to the end of the waiting list.

Please call our office for deadlines or to check your application status at any time.



Sherman Thomas STEM Academy

Student Application

Submit completed application to:
101 W. Adell St, Madera, CA 93638
(559) 871-5490 jabrock@stcsca.org

Student Name

Student Birthdate ____/____/____

First Last

Student Primary Address

Grade Student is currently in: _____

Street City/Zip

Parent/Legal Guardian Name

Parent/Legal Guardian Phone Number

First Last

Parent/Legal Guardian Email Address (if applicable)

How did you hear about us?

School your child currently attends:

I certify that all of the above information is accurate.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Sherman Thomas STEM Academy is tuition free and open to all students, non-sectarian, and does not discriminate on any basis.

All applications for 6th-8th grade for the 2026-27 school year (current 5th - 7th graders) MUST be submitted by 4:00 pm on December 1, 2025.

For Office Staff: Verify current grade of student, and what year student is applying for.

☐ Complete application

Date app submitted: _____

Time app submitted: _____



Sherman Thomas STEM Academy

Aplicacion de Estudiante

Aplicaciones completas a:

101 W. Adell St, Madera, CA 93638

(559) 871-5490 jabrock@stcsca.org

Nombre de Estudiante _____

Fecha de Nacimiento ____ / ____ / ____

Nombre

Apellido

Direccion del Estudiante _____

Gradeo de estudiante ahora _____

Calle

Ciudad/Codigo Postal

Nombre del Padre ó tutor legal _____

Numero de telefono de padre ó tutor legal _____

Nombre

Apellido

Correo electronico de padre ó tutor legal _____

¿Como escucho de nosotros? _____

Escuela a la que asiste actualmente su hija/hijo _____

Certifico que toda la informacion anterior es exacta y veridica.

Firma del Padre _____

Fecha _____

Sherman Thomas STEM Academy es libre de costo y abierto a todos los estudiantes, no religiosa, y no discrimina en ninguna base.

**Todas las aplicaciones para el 6°-8° grado del año escolar 2026-27
(estudiantes actualmente en los grados 5°-7°) deben de ser entregadas al más
tardar a las 4:00 p.m. el 1 de Diciembre de 2025.**

For Office Staff: Verify current grade of student, and what year student is applying for.

☐ Complete application

Date app submitted: _____

Time app submitted: _____