



Homeschool Fact Sheet

Peach State STARBASE is a premier educational program, federally funded, administered by the Department of Defense, and sponsored by the Georgia National Guard. At STARBASE students participate in challenging activities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). They have the opportunity to interact with military personnel inside and outside of the classroom, exploring careers and observing STEM applications in the "real world." The program is housed at the Clay National Guard Center in Marietta, Georgia.

Peach State STARBASE's Mission

Peach State STARBASE provides exciting, dynamic and STEM lessons and activities, primarily to at-risk student in public Title 1 schools in the North Atlanta metro area.

STARBASE offers a positive, proven approach to building excitement and interest in STEM disciplines. This knowledge is important to our nation's future because:

- **In the United States less than 10% of graduate degrees are conferred in engineering, mathematics and computer science. This places our country 20TH internationally in terms of graduate degrees in these critical areas.**
- **The rapid pace of technological change, and globalization of the economy, demands that our workforce be highly skilled in science and math.**
- **Less than 1% of current elementary school students will seek advanced education in the sciences.**
- **Students who attend STARBASE Academies increase their knowledge and skills in STEM.**
- **Students who attend STARBASE improve their attitudes about and their confidence in STEM.**

STARBASE engages students through an inquiry-based curriculum with an emphasis on "hands-on, mind-on" experiential activities. Lessons include Newton's Laws, Bernoulli's Principle, nanotechnology, navigation and mapping. A special emphasis is given to CAD engineering and 3D printing. Math is embedded throughout the curriculum and students use metric measurement, estimation, calculation, geometry and data analysis to solve problems. Cooperative and communication skills are stressed as students work together to explore, explain, elaborate and evaluate concepts. Georgia Army and Air National Guard volunteers apply abstract principles to real world situations by leading tours and demonstrating the use of STEM in different settings.

Our curriculum includes:

A. Physics:

- Newton's Laws of Motion
- Fluid Mechanics and Aerodynamics

B. Chemistry: Building Blocks of Matter

- Physical and Chemical Changes
- Atmospheric Properties

C. Technology:

- Innovations
- Navigation and Mapping
- Nanotechnology
- Flight Simulation

D. Engineering:

- Engineering Design Process
- 3-D Computer Aided Design

E. Mathematics Operations and Applications:

- Numbers and Number Relationships
- Geometry
- Data Analysis

F. STEM Careers:

- STEM Careers on Military Facilities
- Personal Investigation

Home School Information

- Only Homeschool Group coordinators can request & schedule an academy class, we cannot work with individual parents/students.
- Groups no larger than 20 or smaller than 15 may participate at STARBASE.
- Students must be 10 or 11 years old on the first day of academy classes.
- STARBASE's primary customers are at-risk students in public Title I schools, those schools have priority in scheduling, including if necessary "bumping" private schools and homeschools to accommodate their needs.
- STARBASE charges no fees of any sort for any of its school year programs. Please advise us immediately if you are asked to pay a fee to anyone to participate.

Student Participation

- 5th grade students (10- or 11-year-old) are eligible to participate in STARBASE. A student may only participate once.
- Each student should submit a student permission form. A copy of the student's birth certificate should be attached to the permission slip. These will be emailed to STARBASE by the homeschool contact.
- All forms will be brought the first day of STARBASE; this is the student's entry ticket.
- Students should leave all phones and any other such devices at home.

Academy Hours and Location

STARBASE is located inside an active, highly secure military base. We are all guests of the base commander, please keep this in mind. Academy hours are 9:30 - 1:30. Each parent/guardian should walk students into our building and sign them in each day. Parents are not allowed to stay at STARBASE. Academy hours are strictly enforced. Any student still at STARBASE after 1:30 become the responsibility of the chaperone.

We are located inside the **Clay National Guard Base**, adjacent to Atlanta Road. **Do not attempt to enter the Dobbins Air Reserve gates.**

STARBASE address is:
Clay National Guard Center
1000 Halsey Ave. Bldg. 53
Marietta, GA 30060

Lunch

Students will need to bring a sack lunch daily. There are no microwave for students or chaperones. A re-fillable water station is available. No parent/guardian can bring in a lunch to a student after the class day begins.

Chaperone Required Daily

- A chaperone or teacher will be required to stay with the group each day to help in the classroom and monitor lunch time. No more than 2 chaperones allowed per day.
- Chaperones must complete a teacher responsibility form.
- Chaperones will assist as needed in the classroom.
- Chaperones are not allowed to take photos or videos, except as directed by the Instructors, and must not habitually be on their phones. No siblings or other children not participating in STARBASE may spend the day with the chaperone.

Homeschool Group Contact

- All emailed STARBASE forms will need to be completed by the homeschool group contact.
- These forms will need to be completed, signed, and brought to STARBASE on the first day of the academy. Any student without a signed permission form on Day 1 will be refused entry to the academy.
- The homeschool group contact must complete the Demographic form and the School Application.
- If any items are stricken out or left blank the school application will be rejected and the students will not be allowed to attend STARBASE.
- If a student doesn't have their paperwork signed then they cannot attend STARBASE until it is completed.
- Each chaperone needs to complete the teacher responsibility form.

Internal Field Trip

A scheduled tour is set for Wednesday, 10 AM at the hangar with the Blackhawks. We will need the drivers on that day to take students to and from the tour. Drivers are **not allowed** to attend the tour but do need to wait to take students back to STARBASE. The tour lasts around 45 minutes. Directions will be given out the day before the field trip.

***If there are further questions regarding our program, please feel free to contact our office at:
(678) 569-3568***

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