Application Process

Students enrolling or re-enrolling in the North Carolina State University NC-MSEN Pre-College Program must register online each year to be officially in the program. Each student is also required to pay a non-refundable registration fee each year.

Students must:

I. Read the following information on our program and agree to its stipulations.

**NC-MSEN PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

THE NC-MSEN Pre-College Program at North Carolina State University is currently recruiting/re-enrolling 6th-12th grade students for the 2008-2009 academic school year. This program is an academic enrichment program that assists students who have the ability to complete enhanced course work in mathematics, science, engineering and technology.

(1) Students may join the program through one of the following schools: Carnage Middle, East Millbrook Middle, Leesville Road Middle, Ligon Middle, Smithfield Middle, Wake Forest/Rolesville Middle, Athens Drive High, Broughton High, Enloe High, Millbrook High, Southeast Raleigh High and Wake Forest/Rolesville High. Students who attend one of the listed middle or high schools must enroll in an academic enrichment elective class in each of the middle schools and for high school must participate in an after school club called the Academic Chapter of Excellence (ACE) Club that provides a peer support group for those interested in science, math, engineering and technology, and for staying on target in their academic course work in the respective schools.

(2) The program will accept a limited number of students who do not attend one of the listed schools.

(3) All students are required to participate in the Saturday Academy that is held on the campus of North Carolina State University. Students who participate in the elective class at their middle school or who participate in the ACE club at their high school are required to attend 6 Saturday Academy meetings. Students who do not participate at their school are required to attend 12 Saturday Academy meetings. Students/parents may enroll for Saturday Academy through the Saturday Academy form that is available for download on our website, or students/parents may complete the online Saturday Academy form on our website.

(4) Students should also participate in the Summer Scholars Program, career counseling, college prep, statewide math and science competitions (MSEN Day),
leadership building activities, and the Awards Ceremony in order to receive the maximum experience from the program.

(5) **Probation** - Each student is required to maintain at least a C+ (2.5) average in his/her courses each nine-week grading period. If a student fails to meet this requirement, he/she will be placed on probation for additional grading period, required to attend the tutorial program, and will be terminated from the program if the student does not show improvement at the end of the grading period.

(6) **Behavior** - Any student presenting a disciplinary problem such as:

- Disrupting class or field trip activities.
- Physical (striking a student or teacher) or verbal abuse (profane language, speaking disrespectfully, etc.)
- School suspension

will result in immediate termination from the NC-MSEN Pre-College Program.

If a student causes damage to the property or equipment of the school or NC State University, the parent is responsible for the cost of all damages.

(6) **Absences** – Absences for Saturday Academy

Students may miss one Saturday Academy for academic reasons only such as taking the SAT or ACT; otherwise, absences are not allowed. Please select the Saturday Academy session (fall or winter) that best fits your child’s schedule. If a student has to miss a Saturday Academy day for emergency reasons, the NC-MSEN Pre-College Program Office must be contacted as soon as possible by e-mail that states the emergency situation. At the discretion of the coordinator or his designee, the absence may or may not be excused, and if the absence is excused, the student will be expected to make up the missed day.

It is encouraged that students remain in the program from 6th through 12th grade. **98% of NC-MSEN Pre-College students who remain in the program throughout high school attend college, and over 60% major in math and science or related fields.**
The criteria for student selection are:

- Must be able to complete enhanced course work in mathematics and/or science.

- Evidence of the student’s interest and aptitude for rigorous mathematics and science courses and strong student interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) careers;

- The student’s grades in all subject areas must be a C+ average or 2.5 grade point average or better is required;

- Must be willing to commit to the total program (Saturday Academy programs and Summer Program, etc);

- Must not have exemplified a disciplinary problem in their regular school curriculum;

- Parents are expected to participate in the Parents Involved for Excellence (PIE) Club at the school where their child is an active participant. Studies indicate there is a direct relationship with student success and parent participation. Parents are expected to participate in their school’s Parents involved In Excellence (PIE) club. The PIE club provides support for the school’s NC-MSEN Pre-College Program. PIE clubs assist in raising money for field trips and possibly scholarships for students.

The deadline for completed online applications is September 26, 2008.