



High School STEM+Arts Institute Classes Spring 2026



- **Culinary Arts** - taught by Megan Jenkins – **Mondays 12:30 - 4:00**. Class is an experiential class where students learn how to combine flavors and ingredients in order to fully express their creativity. We will focus on technical skills and foundational techniques throughout the class to help you become a truly great chef and earn your serv-safe certification.
- **Music** - taught by Billy Archuleta - **Mondays 12:30 - 4:00**. If you enjoy music and want to learn more about it and how to play it on your own, this is a great opportunity for you to do so. We will have fun working together to learn the different aspects of music from the basics of music theory, how to read a music staff, what time signatures are, and what is a “whole” note and a “half” note. We’ll learn about some of the different instruments used to make music, and how to play them. This class will give you the basic skills you need to play the instrument of your choice. Who knows, you may find that you’ll want to learn more than one instrument. So, I want us to have fun learning and discovering as much as we can about music. Are you ready?
- **From Idea to Launch: STEM + Business Startup Lab** - taught by Xochitl Wodrich - **Mondays 12:30 - 4:00**. Bring your big ideas to life in this fast-paced, real-world entrepreneurship course. You’ll take a concept from a napkin sketch to launch-ready business, exploring branding, market research, budgeting, social media, and incorporating technology strategies along the way. We’ll tackle real-world challenges with a friendly competition and rapid prototype building, ending with a “Shark Tank”-style pitch to a panel of judges. Perfect for creative problem-solvers ready to think like innovators.
- **Mixed Media Art** - taught by Jodi Wodrich - **Wednesday 12:30 - 4:00**. Students will develop an understanding of how to express ideas through artistic creation. Communicating and learning meaning through visual arts can be exciting and empowering. Students will develop technical skills in drawing and other art mediums. (simple, complex, experienced, new -all students welcome) Art types to be explored: Calligraphy, Drawing, Watercolor, Figure Drawing, Pastel, and more.



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- **STEM Research and Development** - taught by Laura Tenorio - **Wednesdays 12:30-4:00**. Can a drinking straw save the world? Learn skills and ways to apply Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) to real-life situations. Make your own solutions to community problems, and learn about STEM careers using drones, straws, and anything we can get our hands on to make STEM come alive! This class provides the opportunity for project competition.
- **Outdoor Leadership** - taught by Field Institute of Taos - **Wednesdays 12:30-4:00**. Students will explore what it means to be a leader, identifying their own leadership skills and styles; we will explore what it means to lead in the field, take on different jobs and responsibilities on trail, and care for the team. We will discuss and explore careers in the great outdoors and land stewardship as a leadership opportunity. This class combines indoor and outdoor class time - students will go on experiential education adventures with Field Institute of Taos as they learn!

High School Spring Semester STEM + Art Institute: STEM offerings will be available for registration beginning Monday, January 12, 2026. All classes are 0.5 elective credit and grades are posted on transcripts. All classes follow Taos Academy policies. Last Day to drop a class is January 29th, 2026 and must be done in writing to Ms. Jamie Lucero-Martinez -no exceptions jlucero-martinez@taosacademy.org **Please register in the STEM Office with Cruz Duran, cduran@taosacademy.org .** **Materials fees will be \$30 for all courses. Fee payment is required for registration.** This will assist in covering some materials cost for classes or help repair borrowed equipment. Space is limited. ***If a course is dropped by the student a fee credit will be given towards another course. No Refunds.***

*STEM Instructors may drop students for low participation with two written notices to parents/students. No instructor initiated student drops will be made after February 9th, 2026. **No fee credit toward future courses.**



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