



**Speedway STEAM** offers student-friendly learning experiences evolving around all things Motorsports. Students will explore the NASCAR world; testing new ideas, forming motor skills, and gaining self-confidence. All STEAM options consist of 90-minute classroom sessions, prior to a lap around the NASCAR Oval and tour of the Charlotte Motor Speedway Infield.

## OPTION A - STEAM STATIONS

Suggested for elementary & middle grades.

Students will rotate through 3 interactive STEAM stations.  
[3 sessions; 90 total minutes]

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## GRADES 1-2

### Grips & Slips

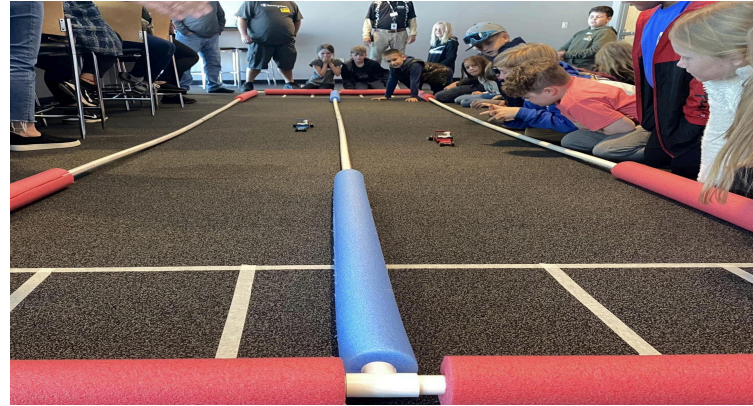
NC: 1.P.1, SL.1.1, 2.E.1  
SC: 1.S.1A.2, ELA.OE.4, 2.P.4A.3

Test different racing surfaces to determine how to create the most friction and gain the most traction while racing down a slope!

### Speed & Acceleration

NC: NC.1.MD.1, NC.2.MD.3, NC.2.MD.4  
SC: 2.MDA.1, 2.P.4A.3

Force vs. Gravity; test your racing skills down 4 different racetrack bankings without wrecking or going too slow!



### Energy Moves

NC: NC.2.MD.1, 1.P.1  
SC: 1.S.1A.2, ELA.OE.4

Learn all about the basics of energy moving while competing to cross the finish line first in our very own mini drag cars on our 2 or 4-lane dragstrip!

### Do You Hear What I Hear?

NC: SL.1.1, 2.P.1  
SC: 2.S.1A.1, 1.S.1A.2, ELA.OE.4

Did you know the NASCAR logo revolves around Sound Energy?! Sound plays a big part in all types of racing - learn with your ears; not just your eyes!

### Chutes & Ladders

NC: NC.1.MD.1, 2.E.1.3,  
SC: 2.P.4A.1, 2.MDA.1, 2.S.1A.1

Students will learn about air resistance by using different materials to measure time and distance.

## GRADES 3-5

### Grip & Slip

NC: 3.P.1.1, 3.P.3.1, 4.P.1, 5.P.1, NC.5MD.1,  
SC: 4.MDA.2, 5.P.5A.4, 5.P.5A.5

Test different racing surfaces to determine how to create the most friction and gain the most traction while racing down a slope, using gravity!

### Speed & Acceleration

NC: 3.P.1.3, NC.4.OA.5, 5.P.1, NC.5MD.1  
SC: 4.MDA.2, 5.P.5A.1

Force vs. Gravity; test your racing skills down 4 different racetrack bankings without wrecking or going too slow!

### Energy Moves

NC: NC.3.OA.9, 3.P.1, 3.P.3, 4.P.1, 5.P.1,  
SC: 3.P.3A.1, 5.P.5A.1, 5.NSBT.4

Learn all about the basics of energy moving while competing to cross the finish line first in our very own mini drag cars on our 2 or 4-lane dragstrip!

### Do You Hear What I Hear?

NC: 3.P.3, 4.P.1, 3.P.3A.1, ELA.OE.4,  
SC: 3.S.1A.4, 4.S.1A.3, 5.P.5A.5

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## Crank up the Heat!

NC: 3.P.2, 3.P.3, 5.E.1, 5.P.3,  
SC: 3.P.3A.1, 3.P.2A.4, 4.MDA.2

After forming a hypothesis, students will experiment with how heat transfers and what effect it has in racing from the tires to the drivers.

## Safety

NC: 3.P.1, 4.P.1, 5.L.5.1  
SC: 4.S.1A.3, 5.P.5A.4

Keep your driver safe! Test your safety skills by building a mini-car with recycled materials, all while keeping your water bubble driver safe when racing down Charlotte Motor Speedway's 24° of banking!

## Thrills & Spills

NC: 4.P.3, 5.E.1, 5.P.2  
SC: 4.S.1A.3, 5.P.5A.3

Clean up that mess! Big spills happen on the track all the time; how can we clean up different types of spills quickly and safely to get the race cars back on the track as soon as possible, using sand, dirt, soil, and other materials?

## Chutes & Ladders

NC: 3.P.1, 4.P.1, 5.P.1, NC.5MD.1  
SC: 4.MDA.2, 5.P.5A.3

Students will learn about air resistance by using different materials to measure time and distance.

## GRADES 6-7

### Grip & Slip

NC: 6.P.3, NC.6EE.7,  
SC: 6.S.1A.3, 6.P.3B.1, 5.L.7.1, 7.GM.1

Test different racing surfaces to determine how to create the most friction and gain the

most traction while racing down a slope, using gravity!

## Speed & Acceleration

NC: 7.P.1, 7.P.2  
SC: 6.S.1A.3, 7.GM.1, 7.S.1A.8

Force vs. Gravity; test your racing skills down 4 different racetrack bankings without wrecking or going too slow!

## Energy Moves

NC: 6.P.1, 6.P.3, 7.P.1, 7.P.2  
SC: 6.P.3A.2, 6.P.3A.3, 7.GM.1

Learn all about the basics of energy moving while competing to cross the finish line first in our very own mini drag cars on our 2, 3 or 4-lane dragstrip!

## Thrills & Spills

NC: 6.P.2, 6.S.1A.3, ELA.OE.4,  
SC: 7.GM.1, 7.S.1A.3

Clean up that mess! Big spills happen on the track all the time; how can we clean up different types of spills quickly and safely to get the race cars back on the track as soon as possible, using sand, dirt, soil, and other materials?

## Hydration Station

NC: 5.L.6.1, 5.L.7.1, 7.HF.3  
SC: N-6.1.6, 6.P.3A.3, N-7.1.6

In racing, staying hydrated with the correct balance of electrolytes is key to fueling the perfect amount of energy needed to win the race! Measure and experiment with your hydration knowledge to make the perfect mixture for your racer!

## Horsepower

NC: 6.P.3, 7.P.2.3,  
SC: 6.P.3A.3, 7.S1A.3

Students will see how their horsepower stacks up to a race car's HP via a series of trails, using formulas of distance and force.

## OPTION B - BUILD-A-CAR

Suggested for all grade levels.

Students will work in teams to design, build and race their cars in a race showdown! The principles of traction and friction along with types of energy and motion will be explored. This PBL promotes problem-solving skills, collaboration, and communication.

[1 session; 90 total minutes]

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## GRADES K-2

### Gravity Car

NC: 1.P.1,  
SC:

Students design and build a gravity-powered car that can accelerate by itself, using force.



## **GRADES 3-5**

### **Gravity Car**

NC: 3.P.1 3.P.3, 4.P.1, 5.P.1

SC: 3.P.2A.4, 3.P.3A.1, 4.S.1A.3, 5.P.5A.5

Students design and build a gravity-powered car that can accelerate by itself, using force.

### **Balloon Car**

NC: 3.P.3, 4.P.3.1, 5.P.1

SC: 3.P.2A.4, 3.P.3A.1, 4.S.1A.3, 5.P.5A.5

Students will construct a balloon car and use the force of air to cross the finish line.

### **Slingshot Car**

NC: 3.P.3, 4.P.3.1, 5.P.1

SC: 3.P.2A.4, 3.P.3A.1, 4.S.1A.3, 5.P.5A.5

Students will build a car powered by Elastic Energy.



## **GRADES 5-8**

### **Propeller Car**

NC: SL.5.1, 5.P.1, 6.P.3, 7.P.1, 7.P.2, 8.P.2

SC: ELA.OE.4, 5.P.5A.5, 5.P.5A.2, 6.P.3A.2, 7.S.1A.1, 8.P.2A.3

Students will build a battery-powered car frame with a propeller.

### **Pulley Car**

NC: SL.5.1, 5.P.1, 6.P.3, 7.P.1, 7.P.2, 8.P.2

SC: ELA.OE.4, 5.P.5A.5, 5.P.5A.2, 6.P.3A.2, 7.S.1A.1, 8.P.2A.3

Students will build a battery-powered car frame with a pulley.

### **Slingshot Car**

NC: SL.5.1, 5.P.1, 6.P.3, 7.P.1, 7.P.2, 8.P.2

SC: ELA.OE.4, 5.P.5A.5, 6.P.3A.2, 7.S.1A.1, 8.P.2A.3

Students will build a car powered by elastic energy.

## **GRADES 9-12**

### **Pulley Car**

NC: available upon request

SC: available upon request

Students will build a battery-powered car frame with a pulley.

### **Drag Car**

NC: available upon request

SC: available upon request

Students will build a battery-powered dragster.



## **OPTION C - CAREERS**

*Suggested for high school grades.*

This is a career-based session and best suited for upper middle and high school students.

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## **GRADES 9-12**

### **Career Opportunities**

NC: available upon request

SC: available upon request

Students will take a brief "personality test" to best determine one of several categories that match a career that can be found at and around the track. Each category will be tasked with a STEAM challenge. Upon completion of their challenge, students will participate in a final focus session highlighting their accomplishments.