



Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

To: Superintendents, Principals, and School Leaders

From: Dr. Charity Flores, Chief Academic Officer

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Subject: Indiana's Priorities for STEM Education

We know that high-quality STEM learning empowers our students to contribute to society through innovative problem solving as the next generation of thinkers, creators, advocates, and entrepreneurs. The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) invites your school to join a partnership with the mission of preparing educators to provide high-quality STEM learning opportunities to students through the integration of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics opportunities.

Implementation for this coaching model will be managed and overseen locally. IDOE will provide collaboration and training opportunities at no cost for those participating in this voluntary coalition. Participation in this model will be capped annually to ensure diligence and oversight of the implementation by IDOE and at the local level. As part of this partnership:

- Coaches will receive regular, ongoing training and support over time, allowing statewide collaboration. Coaches are intended to serve as leaders in disseminating information from IDOE to educators at the local level.
- Required training for coaches, school administration, and school staff will begin during the summer of 2022.

STEM coaching efforts will give priority to those voluntary partners that maximize impact for students in grades four through eight.

Please indicate your participation interest by completing this [JotForm](#) by 5 p.m. ET on Friday, April 8. Completing this form does not guarantee commitment to the partnership but is necessary to progress in the process. Once your response has been received, IDOE will provide information regarding mandatory question and answer sessions that will be held in April. These sessions will provide additional information/context needed to make an informed decision regarding your participation.

Please review the documents below prior to JotForm submission, and email stemlitcoaching@doe.in.gov with questions regarding this partnership or supporting documents.

[Indiana's Priorities for STEM Education](#)

[Instructional STEM Coach Job Description](#)

[Indiana's Priorities for STEM Education: Statement of Assurances \(Opt-In Schools\)](#)

[Indiana's Priorities for STEM Education \(Flyer\)](#)