Steps to Earning STEM School Designation in Idaho

STEP 1: Take the Self Assessment - Go to www.advanc-ed.org > STEM Certification > STEM Self Assessment. At this point you will receive a score and a follow up email from AdvancED.

STEP 2: If your Self Assessment score is 18 or higher, you will be invited to Apply to AdvancED for STEM Certification and pay the initial fee (unless you are already an AdvancED member).

STEP 3: After you’ve applied you will be invited to Take the Canvas Course - STEM Resources for Schools.

STEP 4: You will also be invited to Utilize the Tools provided by AdvancED (Diagnostic Tools, eleot® Tool, Strategic Planning platform and Stakeholder Surveys).

STEP 5: Contact your AdvancED Regional Director, Dale Kleinert (dkleinert@advanc-ed.org), to facilitate preparation assistance and to Schedule an onsite STEM Certification Review.

STEP 6: If your school earns a composite score of 2.8 or higher from the STEM Certification Onsite Review, you will Receive AdvancED STEM Certification.

STEP 7: Notify the STEM Action Center by December 1st that you have earned AdvancED Certification.

- STEM AC Executive Director, Dr. Angela Hemingway, will present your certification to the STEM Action Center Board of Directors for approval at their January Board meeting.

- STEM AC Executive Director, Dr. Angela Hemingway, will present your certification to the State Board of Education for approval at their February meeting.

- If approved by both boards, STEM Designation will be awarded and presented to the legislature during the regular session.

STEP 8: Coordinate with the STEM Action Center to Schedule an Award Presentation (STEM AC plaque, AdvancED banner and check) at your school in April or May.

Please contact the following individuals to answer questions and assist with the designation process:

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