

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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