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Iowa STEM Advisory Council Anticipates Scale-Up Program to Impact More than 113,000 Students

Nearly 2,000 Educators Receive STEM Scale-Up Programs for the 2021-2022 Academic Year

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa—The Iowa Governor's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Advisory Council announced more than 113,000 Iowa students will benefit from STEM Scale-Up Programming with nearly 2,000 educators across the state implementing the newly selected programs for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Now in its tenth year, the STEM Scale-Up Program offers Iowa educators access to exemplary educational STEM content. For 2021-2022, educators were able to apply for one or more programs with topics including coding, genetics, medicine and interactive mathematics.

"Every young Iowan deserves high-quality learning experiences," said Jeff Weld, executive director of the Governor's STEM Advisory Council. "STEM Scale-Up Programs offer learners world-class opportunities, meeting or exceeding what the most advantaged learners encounter in classrooms and community settings."

To create the annual STEM Scale-Up Program menu, the STEM Council reviews applications from programs that serve students from preschool to high school. There were 12 high-quality programs selected for the [2021-2022 menu](#).

Program recipients are selected by regional STEM advisory boards guided by regional STEM managers. Selection criteria is based on need, student diversity, geographic location and distribution, and plans to sustain the program, among other factors. Since 2012, funding from the Iowa legislature has enabled more than 900,000 PreK-12 Iowa students to participate in STEM Scale-Up Programs.

According to results of the annual Iowa STEM Evaluation Report, students who participate in STEM Scale-Up Programs score higher on annual, statewide tests. Program participants in grades 6–10, scored five points higher in mathematics and four points higher in science on average. The research also found STEM Scale-Up participants to be more interested in working in Iowa after graduation, as well as being more likely to major in a STEM field.

Educator training for this year's STEM Scale-Up Program recipients will begin this summer. The programs will be implemented in classrooms, afterschool programs and other educational settings in the upcoming school year. Find a complete list of 2021-2022 STEM Scale-Up Program recipients at iowastem.org/scale-up.

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About the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council: Established in July 2011 via Governor's Executive Order, the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council is a public-private partnership of educators, companies and Iowa students and families addressing policies and programs designed to improve Iowa's educational system focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The STEM Council works to engage and prepare students for a career-ready workforce path, regain our state's historic leadership position in education and provide a vital competitive economic advantage now, and for the future, to ensure that every Iowa student has access to world-class STEM education opportunities. The 62-member STEM Council is co-chaired by Governor Kim Reynolds and Foundation Analytical Laboratory Owner and Director of Technical Services Diane Young. For more information, visit <https://iowastem.org>.