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INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) today announced that 48 school districts and charter schools across Indiana will receive nearly \$2.2 million in STEM Integration Grant funding. This grant will support Hoosier schools in integrating science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) instruction and learning opportunities into the classroom, improving access and support for Hoosier students.

"Through STEM education, our students are building skills that will serve them throughout their life, including problem solving, critical thinking, communication and digital literacy skills," said Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education. "We also know that these important skills are essential to meeting the needs of our state's future workforce. The STEM Integration Grant helps Indiana schools continue to grow their capacity to provide high-quality STEM education, provide early exposure to STEM career opportunities and ultimately, set students on the best possible path for future success, both in life and in their career."

School districts and charter schools receiving the STEM Integration Grant are:

- Anderson Preparatory Academy \$23,500
- Brownstown Central Community School Corporation \$50,000
- Canaan Community Academy \$25,000
- Carmel Clay Schools \$99,804
- Circle City Prep Charter School \$25,000
- Cold Spring School \$25,000
- Decatur County Community Schools \$46,693.95
- DeKalb County Central United School District \$50,000
- East Chicago Lighthouse Charter \$43,875
- Eastern Hancock County Community School Corporation \$50,000
- Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation \$72,600



- Gary Lighthouse Charter School \$44,200
- Geist Montessori Academy \$25,000
- IN Math & Science Academy \$24,995
- IN Math & Science Academy North \$24,995
- Indiana Agriculture and Technology \$25,000
- Indy STEAM Academy \$25,000
- Irvington Community School \$49,880
- Jennings County School Corporation \$75,000
- John Glenn School Corporation \$48,638
- Manchester Community Schools \$49,609
- Matchbook Learning \$25,000
- MSD Lawrence Township \$75,000
- MSD Martinsville Schools \$75,000
- Muncie Community Schools \$75,000
- North Daviess Community Schools \$49,910
- Northeast Dubois County School Corporation \$11,257
- Options Charter Schools \$25,000
- Orleans Community Schools \$25,000
- Paoli Community School Corporation \$22,300
- Perry Central Community Schools \$50,000
- Randolph Central School Corporation \$50,000
- Richland-Bean Blossom Community School Corporation \$47,250
- Richmond Community Schools \$74,718
- Rock Creek Community Academy \$25,000
- Sheridan Community Schools \$20,500



- South Madison Community School Corporation \$71,920
- South Ripley Community School Corporation \$50,000
- Southwest Dubois County School Corporation \$50,000
- Southwest School Corporation \$50,000
- Tri-Central Community Schools \$24,990
- Union-North United School Corporation \$50,000
- Vincennes Community School Corporation \$25,000
- Washington Community Schools \$74,500
- Western School Corporation \$50,000
- Westfield-Washington Schools \$74,997
- White River Valley School District \$24,645
- Yorktown Community Schools \$75,000

First launched in the 2018-2019 school year as the STEM Acceleration Grant, the STEM Integration Grant is a competitive grant that helps schools increase students' access to STEM courses, programs and resources. The grant focuses on helping schools integrate research-based, high-quality coursework, instructional materials and professional development for educators that helps build a culture of STEM leadership in schools.

Of this school year's STEM Integration Grant recipients, 60% intend to use these funds to develop or improve previously established STEM infrastructure to support applications for the <u>STEM Certified Schools program</u>, which recognizes schools for their focus on inquiry, project-based learning, community engagement, entrepreneurship, student-centered classrooms and out-of-school time STEM activities.

This grant is funded by state appropriations to IDOE for STEM program alignment. More than 170 schools have been awarded STEM Integration Grants since 2018, with grants totaling more than \$11.3 million.

The STEM Integration Grant is one of several IDOE-led initiatives focused on improving access to high-quality STEM education. In addition to the STEM Certified Schools program, this includes the launch of the <u>Indiana STEM Cadre</u> in 2022, which develops and implements collaborative professional development for educators.



Additionally, Indiana <u>approved new science and computer science standards</u> in 2022 that increased focus on supporting active student engagement in science learning.