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The Idaho STEM Action Center has expanded access to STEM education and helped prepare students for opportunities in STEM-related fields across the state for the last decade. As our State's workforce demands continue to evolve, strengthening the connection between education and career pathways has become increasingly important.

To support this growth, the Idaho STEM Action Center is integrating into the Idaho Workforce Development Council. Programs like i-STEM, Teacher Externship, STEM Grants, and STEM Outreach will continue. Partnerships will remain. The mission moves forward — now supported by the Workforce Development Council's unified statewide approach.

Why This Matters:

- ✓ Building on a decade of proven success
- ✓ Expanding STEM's reach and impact statewide
- ✓ Supporting Idaho's employers and key industries
- ✓ Creating a clearer path from education to careers
- ✓ Strengthening coordination across Idaho's workforce system



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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Idaho STEM Action Center?

Founded in 2015, the Idaho STEM Action Center has worked to expand access to high-quality STEM education across the state. The organization brings together public education, employers, and community partners to help prepare a robust STEM-powered workforce that supports Idaho's economic future.

What is the Idaho Workforce Development Council?

Established in 2017, the Idaho Workforce Development Council serves under the executive office of the Governor. The Council champions strategies that prepare Idahoans for careers that meet the needs of employers and communities across the state. Working with education leaders, industry partners, and state agencies, the Council helps guide Idaho's workforce strategy to ensure the state's economy continues to grow and thrive.

Will the Idaho STEM Action Center close or go away?

The Idaho STEM Action Center will integrate into the Idaho Workforce Development Council as part of a coordinated statewide workforce strategy. While the organizational and operational structure is evolving, the work itself continues.

Are STEM programs and initiatives going away?

No. Existing STEM programs and initiatives will continue. Programs and partnerships developed through the Idaho STEM Action Center remain an important part of Idaho's education-to-career pipeline. Through this integration, these initiatives will continue while benefiting from closer alignment with Idaho's statewide workforce strategy.

Why is this integration happening now?

Over the past decade, the Idaho STEM Action Center has played an integral role in expanding STEM education and embedding these skills across Idaho's education and workforce efforts. As that work has become increasingly foundational to the state's workforce strategy, this integration represents a natural next step. Aligning STEM within the Workforce Development Council strengthens those efforts and helps ensure Idaho continues preparing students and workers for the careers its communities and industries need.

When does this change go into effect?

The integration process will begin immediately following legislative approval. The full transition is expected to be completed by July 1, 2026.

During this transition period, programs and services will continue without interruption while efforts are made to align communications, resources, and operations.

Where can I find STEM resources or information?

Current resources and information will continue to be available on the Idaho STEM Action Center website at stem.idaho.gov. As the integration takes effect between now and July 1, the website will be updated to reflect the Workforce Development Council's brand and structure. Access to programs, resources, and information will remain available during this transition.
