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## STEM “Seal of Approval” for Non-Council STEM

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# Governor's STEM Advisory Council's Seal of Approval

- Governor's STEM Advisory Council's focus: Increasing student interest and achievement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in Iowa.
- Our task: To prepare STEM-literate students for career paths in the economically vital fields of bioscience (agriculture and health), finance, information technology, advanced manufacturing, and other STEM fields, to provide a competitive, economic advantage to our communities and state.

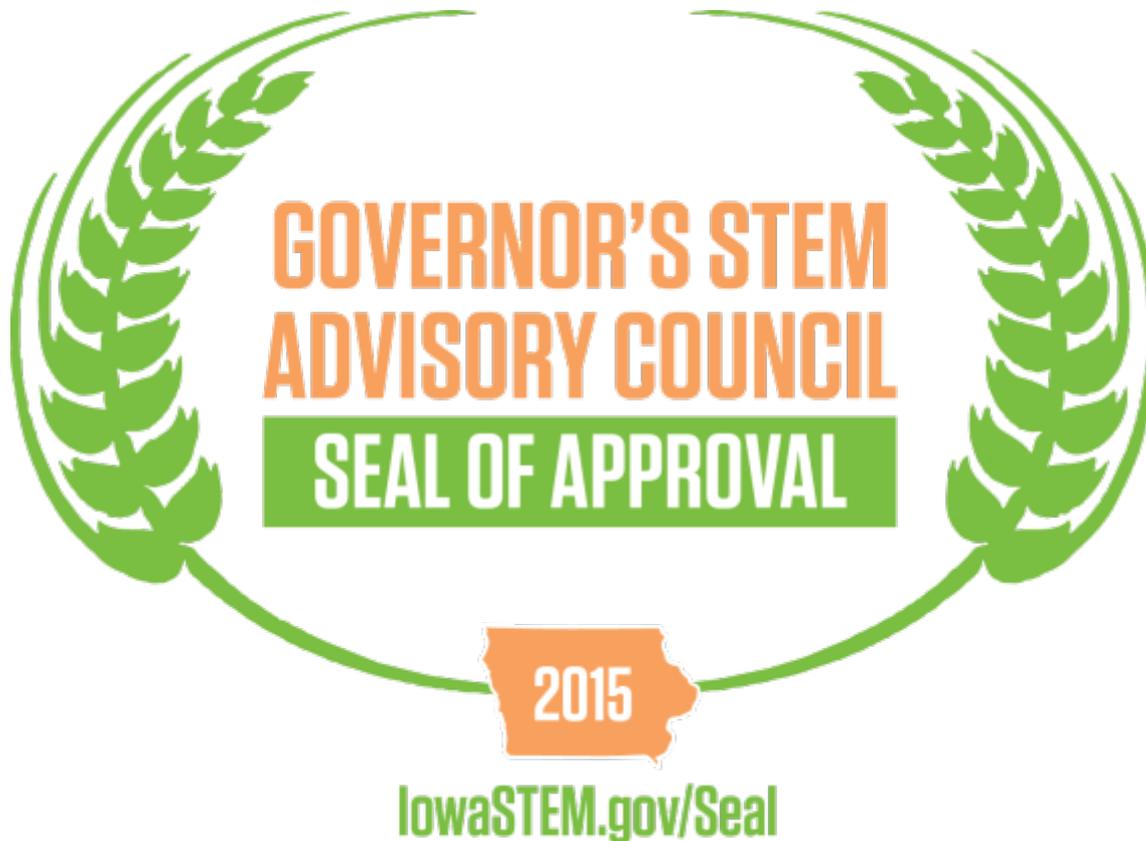
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# STEM Seal of Approval - Mission

- *Seal of Approval* created to recognize and support select, non-Council programs and events that help achieve STEM Council goals
- Expands the umbrella of STEM across the state of Iowa
- Recognizes and partners with excellent, local and home-grown programs and events that align strongly with the STEM Council's goals and high standards

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# STEM Seal of Approval Logo



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# STEM Seal of Approval

## Working Group

- Jordan Lampe, Chair
- Kacia Cain
- Debi Durham
- Mark Putnam
- Gary Scholten
- Carrie Rankin
- Adriana D'Onofrio
- Gail Wortman
- Curt Simmons
- Kim Wayne
- Isa Zimmerman
- Teri Vos
- Camille Schroeder
- Craig Mohr

## Review Committee Members

- Isa Zimmerman
- Camille Schroeder
- Gail Wortmann
- Steve Triplett
- Lisa Digman
- Teri Vos

Review Committee Members are still welcome!

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# STEM Seal of Approval – Application, Rubric & Timeline

- Available at <http://iowastem.gov/seal>
- Who can apply?
  - **Individual programs or periodic events** that significantly advance STEM principles and thinking in Iowa communities.
  - Applicants should be unaffiliated with existing STEM Council programs.
  - The *Seal* is not intended for individuals, organizations, or institutions.
- How does it work?
  - Submissions reviewed by Seal of Approval committee
  - Reviewed three times per year – late April, August, and December
  - Committee makes final recommendations to STEM Council leaders for approval

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# STEM Seal of Approval – First Round Recipients

- Math Counts and Science Rocks at Vermeer's Yellow Iron Academy
- STEM Family Free Night at the Iowa Children's Museum
- Exploring Iowa Archeology program of the Office of the State Archeologist
- Lewis Central Middle School's 8<sup>th</sup> grade STEM program
- Nature STEM Camp program of Sibley-Ocheyedan School District

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