



## GOVERNOR'S STEM ADVISORY COUNCIL

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#### **Thousands of Iowa educators to implement STEM Scale-Up Programs from Iowa STEM Council**

*STEM Council expects nearly 100,000 Iowa students to be impacted by STEM Scale-Up Programs in 2018-2019*

**CEDAR FALLS, Iowa** – Today, the Iowa Governor's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Advisory Council builds on six years of awarding high-quality STEM programs to Iowa's educators through the [STEM Scale-Up Program](#). Nearly 600 applications were awarded, impacting approximately 100,000 students during the 2018-2019 academic year.

The STEM Council reviewed and selected a menu of [ten high-quality STEM programs](#) in January to "scale up" in Iowa's PreK-12 schools, afterschool programs and other educational settings for the upcoming academic year. Interested Iowa educators were able to apply for one or more of these STEM Scale-Up Programs.

Iowa's regional STEM managers, guided by their regional STEM advisory boards, selected recipients throughout the state based on need, student diversity, geographic distribution, capacity to sustain, and other factors. Since 2012, funding from the Iowa legislature has enabled more than 500,000 PreK-12 Iowans to take part in these proven learning models.

Results from the [annual Iowa STEM evaluation report](#) show students who participated in the STEM Scale-Up Program score higher on the Iowa Assessments in National Percentile Rank by four points in science and three points in mathematics and reading compared to nonparticipating students statewide. Participants also expressed a stronger interest in pursuing a STEM career in Iowa.

Educator training for the STEM Scale-Up Programs will begin this summer, followed by implementation of the programs this fall. A complete list of 2018-2019 STEM Scale-Up Program awards can be found at [www.lowaSTEM.gov/Scale-Up](http://www.lowaSTEM.gov/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, businesses and Iowa 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 50-member STEM Council is chaired by Governor Kim Reynolds and Accumold President and CEO Roger Hargens. For more information, visit [www.lowaSTEM.gov](http://www.lowaSTEM.gov).