



Nevada Governor's
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Student Art Contests Announced for Nevada State STEM and STEAM Diploma Seals

Carson City, NV (February 16, 2021): The Governor's Office of Science, Innovation and Technology and the Nevada Department of Education announced two design contests, inviting Nevada's students to create the image that will become the official State Seal of STEM or the State Seal of STEAM to be used on high school diplomas.

The Nevada State Seal of STEM recognizes students who attain a high level of proficiency in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. **The Nevada State Seal of STEAM** recognizes students who attain a high level of proficiency in science, technology, engineering, *art*, and mathematics.

"I am excited this initiative will recognize Nevada's high-achieving STEM and STEAM students," said Brian Mitchell, Director of OSIT. "The problem solving, critical thinking, and collaboration knowledge and skills gained by achieving the STEM or STEAM seal will be invaluable to students in their careers and in life."

"We are thrilled to be engaging the creativity of our students in designing these diploma seals, which will go into circulation for the graduating class of 2021," said Jhone Ebert, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. "This is a great opportunity to bring more awareness to the STEM and STEAM seals and encourage even more students to pursue these designations that will help ensure they graduate with the skills they need to build a home, a life, and a future."

School districts participating in the Nevada State Seal of STEM or STEAM Programs must "identify the pupils who have met the requirements to be awarded the State Seal of STEM [or STEAM] and affix the State Seal of STEM [or STEAM] to the diploma and note the receipt of the State Seal of STEM [or STEAM] on the transcript of each pupil who meets the requirements." The STEM and STEAM Seals help Nevada's high school graduates to communicate their credentials to postsecondary education programs.

The contests are open until March 30, 2021. Winning images will embody the spirit of the Seal (STEM or STEAM) as well as Nevada-specific attributes. Winners will receive a framed copy of their Seal. For more information, including image requirements, or to enter, please email asnyder.doe.nv@gmail.com.