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Thirteen Schools Earn the Governor STEM School Designation

Carson City, NV (May 16, 2023) – The Governor’s Office of Science, Innovation and Technology (OSIT), has announced thirteen Nevada schools earned the 2023 Governor STEM School Designation.

Tracey Howard, the STEM Program Director with OSIT shared, “We are pleased to celebrate the accomplishments of these schools today at the Capitol. The Governor Designated STEM Schools show a commitment to providing high-quality STEM experiences, supporting students in developing their STEM identities and interests, and developing STEM pathways that support Nevada’s economy. Several of the schools are earning their 5-year re-designation, showing a commitment to their STEM visions. We are excited to welcome Incline Elementary, Incline High, and Dickens Elementary as new members of the Designated STEM School Network this year. All three schools show enormous potential and have students front of mind. Finally, two schools moved up in their ratings, which takes focused staff development and community partnership. Empire Elementary moved to Established and Southwest Career and Technical Academy moved to Model.”

- Advanced Technologies Academy, Las Vegas – Established
- Clark High School, Las Vegas – Developing
- D.L. "Dusty" Dickens Elementary School, North Las Vegas – Developing
- Dorothy Lemelson STEM Academy, Reno – Established
- Empire Elementary School, Carson City – Established
- Incline Elementary School, Incline Village – Developing
- Incline High School, Incline Village – Established
- Joseph Neal STEAM Academy, Las Vegas – Established
- Kate Smith Elementary School, Sparks – Established
- Riverview Elementary School, Dayton – Developing
- Southwest Career and Technical Academy, Las Vegas – Model
- Theron & Naomi Goynes STEM Academy, North Las Vegas – Developing
- Walter Bracken STEAM Academy, Las Vegas – Established

Recognized schools were invited to the Capitol where Governor Lombardo presented them with congratulatory remarks and a banner to hang at their school sites. Schools hold the designation for five years and are invited to serve as mentors to aspiring STEM schools in Nevada.

Any K-12 school in Nevada is eligible to apply for the Governor STEM School Designation. Schools can submit an application and artifacts to OSIT each winter. A team of reviewers organized by OSIT visits applicant schools to collect evidence and observe classrooms. OSIT

rates schools as Exploratory, Developing, Established, or Model based on the Nevada STEM Framework. Exploratory schools are not designated but are offered support to develop strategic STEM plans. Designated schools join the Designated STEM School Network which offers funding, networking, and learning opportunities to designated schools.

About OSIT- The mission of OSIT is to coordinate, support, and align efforts by K-12 and higher education, workforce development and employers to improve science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and STEM workforce development so that Nevada's workforce can meet the demands of its growing economy. Additionally, OSIT seeks to coordinate and align state efforts to facilitate and promote broadband services, and expand IT infrastructure to Nevada's schools, healthcare institutions, and departments of public safety. OSIT also leads the Nevada STEM Advisory Council, Nevada Telecommunications Advisory Council, applies for federal funding, and administers State STEM and broadband grants.

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