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**Governor Lombardo Designates Fourteen Nevada Schools as Governor's STEM Schools**

**Carson City, NV** – The Governor's Office of Science, Innovation and Technology (OSIT) has announced fourteen schools have received the Nevada [Governor STEM School Designation](#), the highest honor the State bestows on schools that excel in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education.

"Governor's Designated STEM Schools set the benchmark for excellence in education, serving as outstanding models statewide," said Lis Dziminski, OSIT's STEM Program Manager. "This prestigious recognition highlights schools across the state for utilizing innovative methods and evidence-based strategies to prepare students for postsecondary and future career success. Congratulations to this year's Designated STEM Schools on this distinguished honor!"

The vision of the Governor's STEM School Designation program is to ensure that every student in Nevada has a high-quality, integrated STEM education, ultimately preparing them to succeed in one of Nevada's many high-wage, high-skill career fields. A key focus of this initiative is to encourage all schools to adopt practices that immerse students in real-world problem-solving, creative design, innovation, critical thinking, and career exploration.

"The Governor's STEM School Designation sets very high expectations, and these schools have not only met, but exceeded them," said Tracey Howard, OSIT's STEM Program Director. "The innovation, creativity, and student-centered learning environments we encountered this year were inspiring. The integrity with which the schools have approached STEM education as a means of fostering student success has led to the highest overall scores of any cohort we've had."

Designated schools completed a rigorous application process, followed by in-person site visits by teams of expert STEM educators. To receive the designation, the fourteen Nevada schools demonstrated high-quality STEM learning environments, school, systems and community partnerships. These schools will be formally recognized at a designation ceremony by Governor Lombardo in the Nevada State Capitol later this year.

OSIT welcomes ten newly designated schools:

**Arbor View High School**, Established  
**Carroll M. Johnston STEM Academy of Environmental Studies**, Established  
**Coral Academy of Science High School: Reno Campus**, Developing  
**Doral Academy of Northern Nevada**, Established  
**Durango High School**, Developing  
**Frank F. Garside Junior High School**, Developing  
**Garrett Junior High School**, Developing  
**Judy & John L. Goolsby Elementary School**, Established  
**Marce Herz Middle School**, Established  
**The Academy of Arts, Careers & Technology**, Model

In addition to the ten newly designated schools, two already-designated schools successfully earned a higher rating, and two already-designated schools maintained their rating:

**Leavitt Middle School**, Established  
**Mike O'Callaghan Middle School i3 Learn Academy**, Model  
**Northwest Career and Technical Academy**, Established  
**Roger D. Gehring Academy of Science and Technology**, Model

### **About the Governor Designated STEM School Program**

Nevada Governor Designated STEM Schools exemplify high-quality STEM education, as outlined in the [Nevada STEM Framework](#). These schools foster professional learning and collaboration opportunities for educators, provide students with real-world, industry-aligned STEM experiences, and engage families, communities, and industry professionals to cultivate students' STEM identities and interests.

Designated schools receive ratings of Developing, Established, or Model STEM schools. Developing schools are transitioning to a STEM-focused education and have built a strong foundation in several key areas within the Nevada STEM Framework. Established schools have demonstrated high-quality STEM attributes across the Nevada STEM Framework. Model schools, having maintained this excellence for two or more years, consistently provide all students with experiences that prepare them for success in Nevada's STEM industries. Graduates of Model STEM schools emerge with strong STEM skills, knowledge, and interests that will contribute to Nevada's innovation and global competitiveness.

Each winter, schools aspiring to earn the Governor's STEM Designation can apply through OSIT. Promising applicants are scheduled for a site visit, during which reviewers gather evidence through observations and discussions with students, staff, and leadership. Review teams consist of OSIT staff, Nevada Department of Education representatives, Regional STEM Network Advisory Committee members, leadership from designated STEM schools, and engaged community stakeholders from industry, workforce development, and government. Using insights from the site visit and the application, reviewers assess the school's alignment with the Nevada STEM Framework to determine the school's rating.

Governor Designated STEM Schools join a network of schools with exclusive access to grant funding, professional learning, and networking opportunities. For more information regarding the Governor Designated STEM School program, visit [https://osit.nv.gov/STEM/Gov\\_Designated\\_STEM\\_Schools/](https://osit.nv.gov/STEM/Gov_Designated_STEM_Schools/).