



STEM Diploma

[Idaho Statute](#) defines STEM as science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Each local education agency may determine the format of the STEM diploma in recognition of a student's completion of courses or educational pathway in STEM. A STEM diploma encourages students to dive deep into STEM programs and prepares them for future careers in STEM fields. It shows evidence of rigorous academic course load and will be attractive to future employers and college admissions offices.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

According to 33-523 a STEM Diploma can be awarded to every student who meets the requirements of graduation established by the school and meets the following credit requirements:

- Eight (8) credits in mathematics;
- Eight (8) credits in science; and
- In addition to the credits listed in (a) and (b) above, five (5) credits in the student's choice of any or all subjects of science, technology, engineering or mathematics. This section does not require a student to complete more than the total credits required to graduate as determined by the state board of education.

*A student who has completed eight (8) or more credits in mathematics that include algebra II or a higher-level mathematics class before the student's senior year is not required to take a mathematics class in the student's senior year.

SCHOOL DISTRICT/PUBLIC CHART SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITY

Create a diploma with a special STEM designation for students who meet the requirements of this section.