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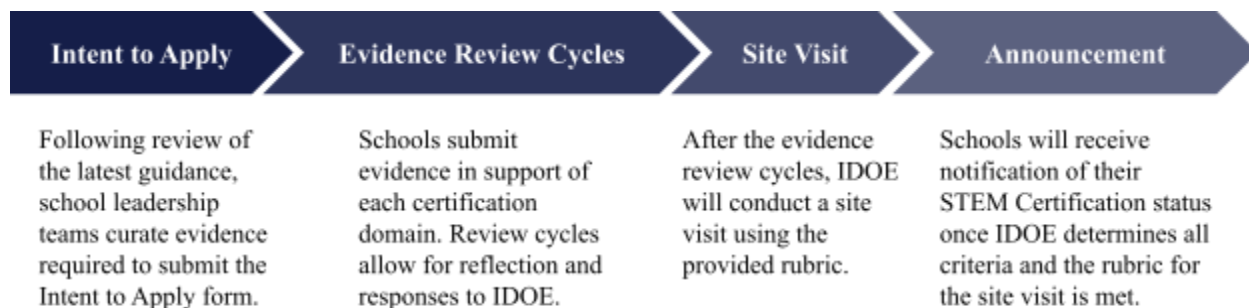
Subject: Indiana STEM School Certification Process for 2024-2025

As Indiana continues to spearhead STEM initiatives across the state aligned with [Indiana's Priorities for STEM Education](#) and [Indiana Academic Standards for Integrated STEM](#), the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) continues to seek ways to best support the work of our K-12 schools. IDOE's STEM School Certification program prioritizes integrated STEM approaches, exemplifying the importance of inquiry and problem-based learning, community engagement, student-centered classrooms, and out-of-school STEM opportunities. Schools receiving the distinction of an Indiana STEM Certified School have aligned their programs with the mission, vision, and priorities of [Indiana's Priorities for STEM Education](#).

IDOE has updated the 2024-2025 STEM School Certification process to reflect implementation needs and stakeholder feedback provided as schools work to develop robust STEM programs. This new process provides two paths for schools based on their previous engagement in the STEM School Certification process.

Path 1 - Schools Seeking Initial STEM Certification or Recertification

The schedule and process outlined below applies to schools seeking initial certification and those seeking recertification for the 2024-2025 school year. New guidance for K-12 schools will be released in July through [Dr. Jenner's Weekly Update](#) and posted on [IDOE's STEM Education webpage](#). Schools will use this guidance to progress through the process below, with the earliest completion of the process in May 2025.





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Path 2 - Schools Designated as “Developing” in the 2023-2024 STEM Certification Cycle

Schools designated as “Developing” in May 2024 will continue to work with IDOE using the [K-8 2023-2024 STEM Certification Guidance](#) or [Secondary 2023-2024 STEM Certification Guidance](#), as appropriate. These schools will work towards being identified as STEM Certified schools in December 2024.

Contact IDOE’s [STEM Certification team](#) with questions.