



SUPPORT CAREER PATHWAYS

A strong cradle to career STEM education prepares students for high-demand and high-paying jobs. **Students on a strong career pathway, accessed through STEM education, contribute to the vitality of their families, communities, and local economies.**

We estimate only 41 percent of Washington's students are currently on track to earn a postsecondary credential; whereas 70 percent of the plentiful high-demand and family-wage careers in our state will require such credentials by 2030. **Career connected learning is the bridge that puts young people on the pathway to a postsecondary credential and a rewarding career.**

What does career connected learning consist of?

Career connected learning includes exploring career interests, engaging in real world, project-based learning, participating in worksite tours and job shadows, participating in Career and Technical Education, having access to professional mentors, doing internships and apprenticeships, and gaining competencies and credentials aligned to high-demand careers.

**29,000 NEW CAREER
CONNECTED LEARNING
OPPORTUNITIES**

Washington STEM and our ten regional STEM Networks coordinate multiple state and regional efforts to open career pathways for young people - especially those underrepresented in STEM like girls, students of color, and low-income students. **In the next two years, our efforts will engage 29,000 students in meaningful career connected opportunities.**

SUPPORT OUR WORK

Washington STEM depends on partnership from business, education, community, and government leaders to create career pathways that lead our students to success. Consider joining our efforts by:

- **Investing in career connected learning:** Make an investment that supports the expansion of career connected learning in order to open doors for students across the state.
- **Expanding career pathway opportunities at your company:** Your company can help students engage in career exploration or even take part in an apprenticeship or internship.
- **Making the system stronger:** Join one of our regional STEM Networks to coordinate in your community.

If you'd like more information or want to be part of our efforts, please contact Matt Cronin at matt@washingtonstem.org.