

## [Stevens Elementary Among Six in Washington Named STEM Lighthouse Schools](#)

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ABERDEEN, Wash. - Stevens Elementary in Aberdeen is among six schools and an entire district that were awarded \$19,000 grants and will serve as Science, Technology, Engineering and Math mentors to other schools in the state. Known as "Lighthouse" schools, the seven entities were recently awarded the grants to promote and develop STEM education, including technical assistance and advice for other elementary, middle and high schools that are creating their own STEM environments. They include: Delta High School (Kennewick) Bremerton High School (Bremerton) Stevens Elementary School (Aberdeen) West Valley Junior High School (West Valley Yakima) San Juan School District West Hills STEM Academy (Bremerton) WF West High School (Chehalis) "These Lighthouse schools are doing great things for STEM education," said Randy Dorn, state superintendent. "The work they do will benefit classrooms across the state." STEM Lighthouse schools originated in 2010 with the Legislature's passage of [House Bill 2621](#). The bill directs the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction to designate as many as three middle and three high schools each year as lighthouse schools.

The schools "serve as resources and examples of how to combine the following best practices: Small, highly personalized learning communities; An interdisciplinary curriculum with a strong focus on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), delivered through a project-based instructional approach; and Active partnerships with businesses and the local community to connect learning beyond the classroom. **2012 winners** Eastmont Junior High School (Eastmont) Secondary Academy for Success (Northshore) Science and Math Institute (Tacoma) Stewart Middle School (Tacoma) Toppenish High School (Toppenish) Odessa School District **2011 winners** Aviation High School (Highline) Komachin Middle School (North Thurston) Mead School District About OSPI

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