



Washington STEM is a statewide education nonprofit leveraging STEM for social change, removing barriers to credential attainment, and creating pathways to long-term economic security for historically excluded students. We envision a state where skin color, zip code, income, and gender do not predict education and career outcomes.

## OUR FOCUS FOR 2025

**Early Care and Education:** Maintain the promise of the Fair Start for Kids Act; increase capacity for child care by providing additional funding to the Early Learning Facilities Fund.

**P-12 STEM:** Advance a shared vision and coordinated model across the P20 education system to support Washington students graduating STEM-literate and prepared for future careers by addressing persistent barriers in career and technical education (CTE) dual credit.

**Pathways to Credentials and Careers:** Maintain funding to the statewide education and employer network, Career Connect Washington to build and sustain access to equitable career connected learning programs that increase postsecondary enrollment, and boost credential attainment.

**Data:** Support modernization of P20W data systems to develop enhanced data resources and services to support legislative decision-making, state agencies, education providers, and community organizations serving students.

*View more information about our work and 2025-2027 Policy Platform on [our website](#).*

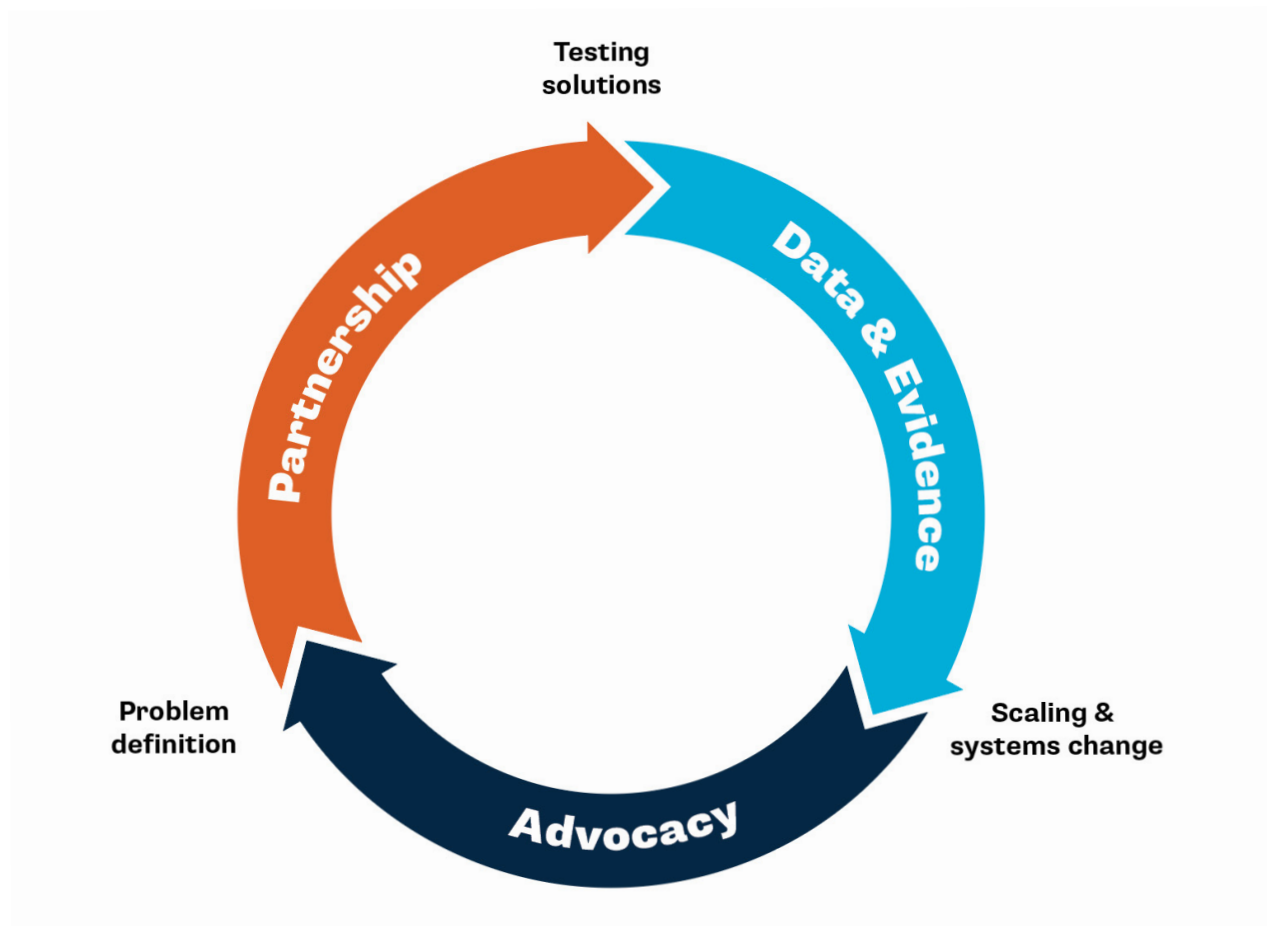


At Washington STEM, our work revolves around **three main strategies**:

**Partnership:** Our place-based and statewide partners include leaders of regional cross-sector networks, coalitions, educators, advocates, state agencies, and decision-makers and legislators. We provide targeted community investments and technical assistance to our partners.

**Data & Evidence:** For generations, data has often been collected and used to harm marginalized communities. Washington STEM believes that sourcing and using data should be humanizing and adhere to the tenets of data justice. We provide direct support through targeted community engagement, open source access to data and measurement tools, and technical assistance.

**Advocacy:** We advocate for transformative policy solutions that make access to STEM learning more equitable. We do this by educating decision-makers; storytelling; and collaborating with state agencies, educators, and statewide coalitions to create the foundation for lasting change in Washington’s education system. We amplify changes that are working and changes that are needed—and with partners and data, advocate for necessary local and statewide policy change.



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