

Washington STEM Legislative Priorities

2026

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Advance Cross-Agency Early Learning-to-K12 Data Coordination

GOAL: Strengthen system alignment and understanding of public and private investments, leading to more accessible child care for families across the state.

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Support Funding for the Online High School and Beyond Plan Platform

GOAL: Ensure every student has access to meaningful, evidence-driven postsecondary and career planning tools shaped by community voice.

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Preserve Investments in Washington's Postsecondary Education and Career Pathways

GOAL: Sustain investments in financial aid and stackable career-connected learning experiences that are preparing students for high-demand opportunities, driving economic growth, and building a competitive, skilled workforce.

About Our Priorities

Our collective goal, through policy and advocacy, is to champion transformative solutions by educating decision-makers, elevating community stories, and collaborating across sectors to lay the foundation for lasting and equitable change in Washington. Our 2026 priorities are grounded in the near-term goals of our strategic plan. They reflect our responsiveness to a short 60-day session, acknowledge the challenging budget landscape, and align with current lawmaker priorities.



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About Us

We see a future where STEM literacy and opportunity meet—so all learners can step into meaningful, sustainable careers.

Throughout our 14-year history, Washington STEM has demonstrated the power of collective impact. Together, with our statewide partners, we're changing systems of practice, policy, resource distribution, and power so that all learners are supported through each critical phase of their educational journey.

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Partnerships + Data & Evidence + Policy & Advocacy = Systems Transformation

We foster deep, cross-sector engagement with partners at the state, regional, and local levels. Our place-based and statewide initiatives allow us to identify, scale, and spread effective solutions that serve as models for broader systemic change.

We directly support our state-wide partners through targeted community investments, data and measurement, and technical assistance.

We champion transformative solutions by informing decision-makers, amplifying impact stories, and forging alliances across systems and sectors to drive lasting, equitable policy change.