
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2025

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STEM Collaborative Initiative

Purpose

The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Collaborative Initiative annual appropriation is the funding source for the Governor's STEM Advisory Council headquartered at the University of Northern Iowa (UNI). The goals of the program include the following:

- To prioritize student interest in achievement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics;
- To reach every student and teacher in every school district in the State;
- To identify, recruit, prepare, and support the best mathematics and science teachers; and
- To sustain exemplary programs through UNI's Iowa Mathematics and Science Education Partnership.

Iowa is divided into six STEM Regions, each with at least one university or community college acting as a regional STEM Hub. The Governor's STEM Advisory Council uses its annual appropriation for a number of items, including programming in the six regions, STEM Teacher Scholarships, STEM monitoring programs, and outreach campaigns.

Participating agencies and organizations have included the Iowa Regents universities and community colleges, private colleges, K-12 schools, museums, zoos, science centers, businesses, industries, governmental organizations, youth organizations, community groups, and regional consortia.

Funding

The STEM Collaborative Initiative is funded by an annual General Fund appropriation in the Education Appropriations Act. With the enactment of [Senate File 514](#) (State Government Alignment Act) in FY 2024, the STEM Collaborative Initiative was moved from the Board of Regents to the Department of Education.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code section [268.7](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [681—14](#)

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More Information

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