



STEM Certification FAQs

So, your school is interested in earning STEM Certification. What do you need to do to prepare for this? Who's involved? See below for answers to some common questions!

➤ What is STEM Certification?

- Cobb STEM Certification recognizes schools that provide Cobb students with STEM-enriched learning opportunities above and beyond the exemplary practices found in all Cobb schools. STEM schools are committed to helping students cultivate critical thinking and problem-solving skills necessary for future success in STEM related college and career fields.
- Certification is based on a specific set of criteria/guidelines. It usually takes a school 2.5-5 years to earn STEM Certification.
- 3 Options for STEM Certification
 - Cobb; AdvancED; GA DOE

➤ Where do I start?

- Organize a STEM committee or team at your school
- Complete a STEM inventory of current practices
 - Digital version available from the STEM Cobb department
- Schedule a STEM Overview with impacted staff members from the STEM Cobb department

➤ What support is available?

- District PL – Innovation Academies, one day trainings and more are posted on STEMCobb.com
- Content specific – We have a number of professional learning specialists that are content specific that will work with your teachers - FREE.
- Digital – Follow us on Twitter @STEMCobb or on Facebook. Also visit www.STEMCobb.com for resources, opportunities and more.
- School Collaboration – We're learning together!
 - STEM Walks – School admin are invited to walk at Cobb schools seeking certification
 - STEM Visitation Days – Visit Cobb schools on dedicated STEM days to see STEM in Action. The STEM department will provide 2 subs per school per visitation. Dates posted on STEMCobb.com.

➤ Who do I contact?

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