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Temple View Receives Special STEM School Designation

After more than a years worth of work, Temple View Elementary School has been recognized as one of Idaho’s first official STEM designated schools.

The Idaho Legislature created the STEM designation to recognize schools that provide rigorous, multidisciplinary instruction in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. To receive the designation, schools must apply and meet specific criteria set by the State Board of Education and certified by AdvancED.

“We are very excited to be recognized as one of Idaho’s STEM schools,” said Temple View Principal Sarah Childers. “It’s a testament to our staff’s hard work to create rich, rigorous learning opportunities that emphasize the importance of problem solving, critical thinking and encourages students to make mistakes and express themselves freely.”

Temple View’s staff has been working toward this special STEM designation for more than a year. They have taken part in STEM teacher training, explored ways to utilize and incorporate technology to enhance lessons and prepare students for the real world, created opportunities for students to discuss problems and work together on research projects and share what they’ve learned with others.

“I am proud of the work our Temple View teachers and staff have done to earn one of Idaho’s first STEM school designations,” said Supt. George Boland. “This designation reflects the district’s ongoing work to engage and inspire our students in new ways, and to provide them with opportunities to think about the future and how they can be successful beyond high school.”

The designation was announced on Friday after a team from AdvancED spent two days at Temple View observing classrooms, talking to teachers, parents and community members and ensuring the school meets the required criteria outlined by the state.

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