#### Greater Southern Tier STEM Education

Preparing students for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

SCIENCE | TECHNOLOGY | ENGINEERING | MATH



### Introduction to STEM

# Why STEM?

### What Do You See?





### What Do You Think?

STEM: 1.7 jobs for every 1 unemployed person

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Non-STEM: 3.6 unemployed people for every 1 job





## What is STEM?



### Attributes of STEM Education

- Offers students opportunities to make sense of the world <u>holistically</u>, rather than in bits and pieces, by coupling rigorous academic concepts within real-world contexts
- STEM education removes the traditional barriers erected between all disciplines, by integrating them into one cohesive teaching and learning paradigm. STEM education is an interdisciplinary, or even <u>transdisciplinary</u>, approach to curriculum development and instruction.

### **STEM Instructional Strategies**

- Opportunity for students to make sense of skills and content in real world contexts
- Inquiry-based
- Collaborative Learning
- Notebooking
- Multisensory Methods
- Balanced assessment system
- Discourse and Reflective Thinking

# STEM Regional Program

### Regional Strategic Framework

#### **Mission**:

To revitalize and refocus attention, interest and understanding of the embedded importance of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) to life-long learning and success. To create a regional STEM pipeline that results in college and career ready students who can apply STEM practices to real world situations.

#### Vision:

Our region will be a model for generating math, science, technology and engineering interest, excitement and marketable skills.

### STEM Deployment Team

- GST BOCES
- Corning Incorporated
- Syracuse University
- Alfred University, Alfred State, Corning Community College
- Wings of Eagles
- Consortium of school districts
  - Addison, Arkport, Bath, Bradford, BOCES Special Ed, Campbell-Savona, Canaseraga, Canisteo-Greenwood, Corning-Painted Post, Elmira, Elmira Heights, Fillmore, Hammondsport, Hornell, Horseheads, Notre Dame, Odessa Montour, Watkins Glen

### STEM - Primary Grades

K	Grade 1	Grade 2
Materials in Our World	Balance and Motion	Air and Weather
Engineering Design: Paper Table	Engineering Design: Roller Coaster Design	Insects
Animals 2x2	Pebbles, Sand, and Silt	Solids and Liquids
	Engineering Design: Building a Wall	Engineering Design: Play Dough Formula

### STEM – Elementary Grades

Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
Measurement	Matter and Energy	Mixtures and Solutions	Variables
Engineering Design: Packaging Design	Engineering Design: Rocket Challenge	Levers and Pulleys	Engineering Design: Lifejacket Design
Water	Magnetism and Electricity	Engineering Design: Trebuchet Challenge	Weather and Water
Engineering Design: Water Wheel	Sun, Moon, and Stars	Environments	Engineering Design: Save the Penguins
Structures of Life	Engineering Design: Moon Lander Challenge	Engineering Design: Water Filter	Planetary Science
Engineering Design: Potato Chip Factory			

### STEM – Secondary Grades

Middle School Life Science	Middle School Physical Science	STEM Regents Chemistry	STEM Forensics	Technology
Diversity of Life	Chemical Interactions	Movie Special Effects Design	Observational Skills	Low Tech Engineering
Populations and Ecosystems	Earth Systems	Periodic Table Game Development	Fingerprinting	ROV
Human Body	Force and Motion	Artist as Chemist	DNA Extraction	Vex Robotics
		Chemical Dominoes	Blood Evidence	
		Ideal Toy	Trace Evidence	
STEM Regents Earth Science		Cool Chemistry Show		
Nanotechnology		Cookin' Chem		



- Scope and Sequence Document
  - Aligned to NYS Core standards for science
  - K-4 and 5-8
  - Include inquiry based science and engineering modules

### Update from 2010 to Present

#### **Students Impacted by STEM Program**

Grades	Number	Program	Projected for 2014-2015
K-6	~15,550	STEM Science and Engineering	~17,000
7-8	~120	<b>STEM Technology-</b> ROV, Low Tech Engineering, VEX Robotics Engineering	~1,500
9-12	~2600	<b>STEM Regents Chemistry</b> <b>STEM Electives-</b> STEM Forensics, Intellitek Green Technology and Sustainability	~4100 STEM Regents Earth Science STEM Nanotechnology

## STEM in the Classroom

### What is Inquiry Based Instruction?

The proposed 7E learning cycle and instructional model.



### Why Science Notebooking?

"Every day in our schools and colleges young people face reading and writing tasks that seem hard or unusual, that confuse them, that they fail. But if you can get close enough to their failure, you'll find knowledge that the assignment didn't tap."

Mike Rose

"Fostering Argumentation Skills: Doing What Real Scientists Really Do"

- Douglas Llewellyn and Hema Rajesh
- Framework for Science Notebooking Templates
  - Investigate questions
  - Make a claim
  - Justify and defend the claim with supporting evidence
  - Provide a scientific explanation based on their findings



Common Core Shifts in ELA/Literacy

- Shift 1: Balancing Informational & Literary Texts
- Shift 2: Building Knowledge in the Disciplines
- Shift 4: Text-Based Answers
- Shift 5: Writing from Sources
- Shift 6: Academic Vocabulary

"Helping Students Learn Science Through Writing and Writing Through Science" March 2012 Research Report

 Science writing <u>improves the teaching of</u> <u>science</u> and of <u>writing</u>

- Participants teach more and better science
- Greater confidence
- Strategies translate to other subjects as well
- Deliberate and systemic approach to developing students' writing and science skills

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- Science writing <u>improves learning</u> for a <u>wide</u> <u>range</u> of students
  - Helps students move from investigation to concept development
  - Helps students learn expository writing starting in K
  - Levels the playing field
  - Improves test scores and meeting of standards