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TO: Educational Service District Superintendents  
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RE: STEM Renewal Requirement Guidance

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New guidance is available to both educators and clock hour providers regarding STEM clock hours at <http://www.k12.wa.us/STEM/ClockHours.aspx>.

## **STEM RENEWAL CLOCK HOURS GUIDANCE**

Approved clock hour providers may offer STEM clock hours and are able to independently vet each offering to ensure the course meets the intent of the STEM clock hour requirement. STEM clock hours are to be offered on a case-by-case basis provided the course qualifies by meeting the [Criteria and Guiding Questions](#). Support documents are available on the [STEM clock hour](#) website, and provide examples of offerings that meet the Criteria and Guiding Questions to be a STEM clock hour.

## **STEM RENEWAL PROFESSIONAL AND CONTINUING TEACHER CERTIFICATES GUIDANCE**

Beginning September 1, 2019, renewal applications for professional and continuing teacher certificates must document completion of at least 15 clock hours, or at least one goal from an annual professional growth plan\* (PGP), with an emphasis on STEM integration. The STEM renewal requirement applies to endorsements in: Elementary Education (K–8); Early Childhood Education (P–3); Mathematics (5–12); Middle Level Math (4–9); Middle Level Science (4–9); Science (5–12); Designated Sciences (5–12): Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Space Science, Physics; Technology Education; and Career and Technical Education Teachers. This guidance is intended for educators in this audience.

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This bulletin is also available on OSPI's website at <http://www.k12.wa.us/BulletinsMemos/bulletins2017.aspx>.

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