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### **What are the Montana STEM Initiative goals for 2012-13?**

Q: What are the Montana STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) Initiative goals for 2012-2013?

A: The three overall goals of the Montana STEM Initiative are:

1. Increase the percentage of K-12 students who demonstrate college and career-readiness in STEM fields.
2. Graduate from a Montana post-secondary institution with a STEM-related degree.
3. Increase the number of STEM-related jobs in Montana

Some of the proposed actions in the draft STEM plan that address these goals and are pertinent to the MSP project include the following:

Develop audience specific communication materials to raise awareness of the STEM initiative

Design effective, specific , and sustainable STEM-focused professional development

Coherence of statewide initiatives related to STEM: Montana Common Core Standards in Mathematics and English/Language Arts, Next Generation Science Standards, Graduation Matters Montana

Identify and disseminate exemplar STEM programs of study

Identify and disseminate effective instructional materials and best practices for instruction

If you have further questions concerning the STEM initiative contact Kristen Crawford, Science Curriculum Specialist, [kcrawford@mt.gov](mailto:kcrawford@mt.gov)

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