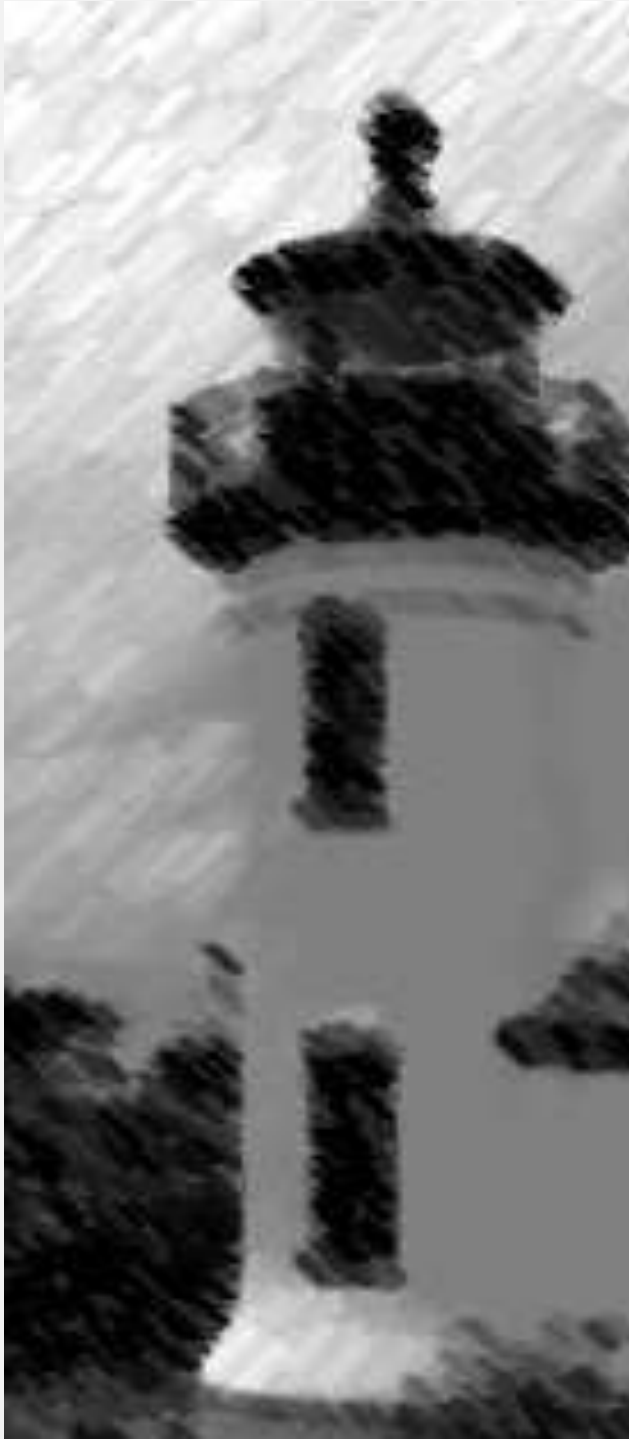


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Washington STEM Lighthouse Schools provide technical assistance and advice to other schools and communities in the initial stages of creating a learning environment focused on STEM. They serve as resources and examples of how to combine the following best practices:

- Small, highly personalized learning communities;
- An interdisciplinary curriculum with a strong focus on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) delivered through a project-based instructional approach; and
- Active partnerships with businesses and the local community to connect learning beyond the classroom.

STEM Lighthouse Schools originated in 2010 with the Legislature's passage of House Bill 2621. The bill directs OSPI to designate schools each year as lighthouse schools. The designated schools must have proven experience and be recognized as model programs.

<http://www.k12.wa.us/STEM/LighthouseSchools.aspx>

