

HB 456 -- HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA ENDORSEMENT FOR STEM

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This bill creates a STEM diploma endorsement for high school students.

The bill defines a "granting local education provider" as a school district or charter school that chooses to grant a STEM diploma endorsement to a student who demonstrates mastery in the STEM disciplines and adds the STEM definition to Section 170.032, RSMo.

The criteria for the endorsement is specified in the bill and includes a final capstone project. The final capstone is a culminating exhibition of the student's project or experience with outlined competencies. Competencies are developed with help from STEM-related business and industry leaders and institutions of higher education.

Annually, each granting local education provider shall provide the endorsement requirements to each student and parent or guardian.