



What is Invent Idaho?

Invent Idaho is the premier student invention program in the Northwest, having provided a forum for thousands of young inventors in grades one through twelve since its inception in 1989. Students identify a problem, and design a fresh, innovative solution. Through this process inventors create blueprints, a prototype of their invention, document their process in a log book, and record a 4-6 minute presentation “pitch”.

Invent Idaho is the only program in Idaho that celebrates student creativity and innovation, while teaching the inventive thinking process in an interdisciplinary curriculum. Young inventors participate in progressive levels of competitions, including three Regional events held across Idaho, culminating in an Invent Idaho State Finals event. Not only does the Invent Idaho program teach higher order thinking skills, it addresses dozens of State Science Standards, as well as the number one Technology and Communication Standard, Creativity and Innovation: to demonstrate creative thinking, construct knowledge, and use information and communication technologies to develop innovative products and processes. Invent Idaho is poised to grow exponentially with the current emphasis in our schools on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education.

In today’s rapidly changing world, proficiency in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) matters more than ever. Yet, as important as STEM may be, business decision makers, government leaders and educators are realizing that students’ future success may depend on learning something more. Together with STEM learning or on its own, Invention Education empowers young people to develop the skills and self-confidence they need to identify and solve real-world problems and make informed choices about their future careers.

The promise of Invention Education has galvanized a community of educators, business decision makers, government leaders and others into a worldwide movement. To advance this movement, a growing number of organizations have coalesced around the idea of combining STEM with Invention and Entrepreneurship, learning to instill problem identification, problem solving, entrepreneurship and creativity skills. for life — and to inspire young people to become innovators, inventors and entrepreneurs over the course of their K-12 careers.



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