



See How FIRST is Bringing STEM Engagement to Underserved Youth

The FIRST® STEM Equity Community Innovation Grant initiative has identified strategies to help any community organization open STEM pathways for students, introducing them to STEM ideas and engagement activities that are not always available in their homes and schools.

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SCILS Statewide Initiative Gets a New Look

The SCILS Region 8 LASTEM Center is proud to present its statewide initiative with a new look--the Louisiana STEM Collaborative Project. This reimaged project is an effort to engage all underserved young people in STEM opportunities across the state. Each month, SCILS will provide resources for each region to share with stakeholders as we endeavor to provide a robust STEM experience for all.

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THIS MONTH'S RESOURCES



MARK CUBAN FOUNDATION AI BOOTCAMP FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Mark Cuban Foundation AI Bootcamp is a free, twenty-hour introduction to Artificial Intelligence for high school students. Students who complete the program continue to receive mentorship and AI learning opportunities until graduation. Those interested must apply by September 30, 2025.

[APPLY](#)

CHECK OUT THE KID SPARK FOUNDATION

Kid Spark Education is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to help all children, especially those from underserved communities, to learn and love STEM. Kid Spark seeks to change this by providing consistent STEM education from pre-K to 8th grade, aiming for transformative change in formal and afterschool education. We aim to close the STEM opportunity gap by fostering early and continuous STEM learning, particularly in underserved communities.

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THE LOUISIANA STEM COLLABORATIVE PROJECT IS PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NATIONAL GIRLS COLLABORATIVE PROJECT



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FROM UNDERSERVED TO UNSTOPPABLE – STEM PROGRAMS CHANGING YOUTH LIVES

STEM programs for underserved youth are vital bridges to opportunity, offering hands-on learning, mentorship, and crucial skills. These initiatives aim to level the playing field, ensuring all young people have the chance to explore science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

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NGCP RESOURCES FOR UNDERSERVED YOUTH

NGCP is a network of networks working together to inspire and empower youth, especially girls, to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). We facilitate collaboration between more than 42,500 organizations that serve over 20.2 million girls and 10 million boys. For over 22 years, NGCP has been transforming STEM by creating experiences as diverse as the world we live in. The National Girls Collaborative Project has curated a list of high-quality resources to help your programs and communities support underserved youth.

[SEE THE RESOURCES](#)