

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ'S): PROGRAMMING INFORMATION

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### **Q1. What type of student is best suited for the programming at STEM Collegiate?**

*A: Children with a natural curiosity for topics of a Scientific or Mathematical nature who have achieved grade level, or above, in Science and Math classes thus far.*

### **Q2: How does STEM Collegiate compare with other STEM programs in Edmonton?**

*A: STEM Collegiate's sister school in Calgary produced significantly higher results, on Gr. 9 Provincial Achievement Tests than its STEM counterpart in Edmonton Public.*

### **Q3. Why does the Collegiate use the acronym S.T.E.M. and not S.T.E.A.M.?**

*A: We use STEM as our acronym as we don't have fine or performing arts as option classes. Fine-arts extra-curricular is offered.*

### **Q4. What professional qualifications do the teachers at STEM Collegiate have?**

*A: All Collegiate teaching staff are certified teachers in the Province of Alberta and may have additional designations and specialist training.*

### **Q5. Will grade 10 be offered at the Collegiate for the 2023/2024 School Year?**

*A. Yes, the plan is to add Grade 10 for 2024-25, Grade 11 for 2025-26 and Grade 12 for 2026-27. Our building has capacity for approx. 550 students and discussions are underway for a separate high school.*

### **Q6. Does the current junior high school site have plans for a gym?**

*A. Yes, construction of a standalone gymnasium, directly to the south of the building, is slated to be completed in fall of 2023.*

### **Q7. Is STEM integrated in subjects such as English Language Arts or Social Studies?**

*A. No, STEM based instruction is not integrated as part of Language Arts or Social Studies classes. The focus in these courses is to develop strong communication skills.*

### **Q8. Are there supports for English Language Learners or Special Needs Students?**

*A. We are inclusive and welcome all students. Specialised supports are provided as resources permit. As a small school, we simply can't provide what larger boards can.*