Project Lead the Way

STEM Inventory

Entry# 30

Org-Type Higher-Education-based

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Service-Region Southern California
Type Student Program

Subjects Engineering

Level Middle School (5-8th grade) | High School (9-12th grade)

Other-Objectives

Served-per-Year Demographics

Content

Project Lead The Way (PLTW) is a not-for-profit organization partnering with public schools, organizations in the private secctors, and higher education institutions to increase the number and quality of engineers graduating from our educational system. PLTW provides a four year flexible, pre-engineering, sequence of course work for high school students and a challenging, 40 week long, "activity oriented" program for middle school students. Students are introduced to the scope, rigor and discipline of engineering and engineering technology to really get a feeling of the rewards and benefits of being a part of such a powerful career. PLTW courses utilize project- and problem-based learning that teaches students how to apply what they are learning to real-life situations. These courses provide opportunities for students to understand the scientific process, engineering problem-solving and the application of technology; understand how technological systems work with other systems; use mathematics knowledge and skills in solving problems; communicate effectively through reading, writing, listening and speaking; and work effectively with others.

Outcomes

PLTW aims to: Increase the number of young people, without regard to gender or ethnic origin, who pursue science, engineering and technology related careers requiring a two or four year degree. Increase females and underrepresented groups entering science, engineering and technology related careers. Provide relevant programs that help prep students and prepared them for a highly skilled working environment. Develop assessment tools to evaluate the success of San Diego PLTW. Support the development of all teachers, and counselors. Increase the value of San Diego PLTW by enhancing the image and visibility by our effectivenesss and results.

Started Funded-Through

Length

Primary-Funding Primary-\$

Materials

Other-Funding

How-Assessed

Best-Practice-Why

Promising-Practice

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