



## STEM Grants awarded to 10 Kansas schools.

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 7, 2013 — “Lego Mindstorms,” “Imaginary dreamhouse with circuits,” and “Safer buildings for better lives” are just a few of the project names that will be funded by a first-ever Westar Energy STEM grant. STEM grants support K-12 teachers and schools in their effort to develop, improve or expand innovative instructional programs in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

Ten schools throughout the Westar Energy service territory were selected from 20 applications to receive \$500 grants. Winners were selected by Westar Energy employees who use STEM skills in their everyday jobs. Having a strong background in STEM skills is crucial to students seeking a career in the energy industry. The STEM grants are funded by the [Westar Energy Foundation](#). Grants will continue to be awarded annually.

### Grant recipients/projects:

School	City/Zip	Project
Abilene Middle School (USD 435)	Abilene, KS	Lego Mindstorms
Bartlett Grade School (USD 506)	Bartlett, KS	Imaginary dream house with circuits
Derby Middle School (USD 260)	Derby, KS	Energy generation and distribution through energy grid
Olathe North High School (USD 233)	Olathe, KS	Machine engineering challenge
Pleasant Valley Middle School (USD 259)	Wichita, KS	Safer buildings for better lives
Riverside Leadership Magnet (USD 305)	Wichita, KS	Creation of electrical circuits through science exploration stations
Salina Central High School (USD 305)	Salina, KS	Design, construct and test devices that transform energy
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School	Wichita, KS	Electrical probeware and interface equipment
St. Peter Catholic School	Wichita, KS	Electricity and conductors
West Elementary School (USD 262)	Valley Center, KS	Butterfly project

Additional information is available at [WestarEnergy.com/StemGrants](http://WestarEnergy.com/StemGrants)

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