



Innovation & Technology Badge Provider Application



About This Badge

This accreditation is awarded to programs that immerse students in hands-on STEM learning experiences. It is intended for providers who foster innovation, creativity, and future-ready skills through coding, robotics, engineering, digital design, or other technology-integrated activities.

Section 1: General Provider Information

Program Name: _____

Physical Program Address: _____

Legal Business/Organization Name: _____

Contact Name & Title: _____

Website Link: _____

Section 2: Eligibility Criteria

To earn the Innovation & Technology badge, providers must demonstrate a commitment to STEM learning through the following:

- 1. STEM-Focused Instruction: Curriculum or programming must focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, and/or Math concepts.** *What technology or engineering themes are emphasized? Include the subject matter and goals.*

- 2. Hands-On Technology Use: Students actively use technology such as computers, robotics kits, 3D printers, or coding platforms.** *Explain what tools are used and in what context.*

3. **Problem-Solving or Innovation Tasks: Includes real-world challenges, design thinking, or project-based tech activities.** *Describe what types of projects or challenges that students complete.*

4. **Student-Centered Creation: Learners produce digital or physical outputs such as games, animations, apps, models, or circuits.** *In what ways do you promote creativity, critical thinking, or innovation? (E.g., design-thinking, open-ended exploration, experimentation).*

5. **Supervised and Age-Appropriate Tech Integration: All technology use is developmentally appropriate and actively facilitated by trained staff.** *Describe staff involvement, safety practices, and age-level differentiation.*

Section 3: Suggested Qualifiers (At least 2 recommended)

Please check all that apply and provide a brief explanation of how these are included in your program. Programs should meet at least two:

- ☐ **Coding Projects** – e.g., Scratch games, app development, Python
- ☐ **Robotics Exploration** – e.g., LEGO robots, VEX kits, Sphero
- ☐ **Engineering Design** – e.g., building circuits, mechanical prototypes
- ☐ **Digital Media Creation** – e.g., video editing, podcasting, graphic design
- ☐ **Tech Competitions** – e.g., FIRST LEGO League, Hour of Code
- ☐ **AI or Data Science Concepts** – e.g., sorting algorithms, datasets, machine learning
- ☐ **3D Design or Printing** – e.g., Tinkercad projects
- ☐ **Maker Movement Activities** – e.g., recycled electronics, wearable tech

Use this space to explain your selections above and provide examples:

Section 4: Quality, Impact, and Intentionality

6. What makes your STEM or tech programming different from a basic tech activity or screen time?

7. How do you evaluate student understanding or growth in technology-related skills?

8. Is there anything else you'd like to share that shows your commitment to STEM-based education?

Section 5: Supporting Documentation

- A sample weekly schedule and scope of STEM topics
- 3–5 photographs showing your STEM-based learning environment and activities
- A brief bio, relevant qualifications, and STEM education passion of the instructor(s)

Section 6: Agreement

I confirm that the information provided in this application is accurate and that our program meets the expectations of **ParentApproved.org** in offering safe, intentional, and enriching learning experiences for children.

By submitting this application, I agree that my responses may be reviewed for accreditation purposes and used to help create our provider profile. Public-facing details (such as program descriptions or photos) may be shared with my approval. Personal or sensitive information will remain confidential and will never be sold or shared with third parties.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

1. Submit Completed Application

Email your application and supporting documents to: apply@parentapproved.org

2. Initial Review (within 7–10 business days)

Our team will review your responses, supporting materials, and alignment with eligibility criteria.

3. Follow-Up (if needed)

We may request clarification or offer guidance to help meet badge or banner standards.

4. Approval & Invoice

If your program meets the requirements, we will issue an invoice for the selected badges and banners.

5. Official ParentApproved.org Banner & Directory Listing

Once payment is received, your program will receive an official banner that you can display on your website and a custom listing in our ParentApproved.org Directory.