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Momentum building on STEM Education

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As part of the Obama administration's emphasis on bring education into the 21st century, it comes as no surprise that policy makers have trained their focus on STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education as a way to give more students, especially girls and minorities, stronger global skills. And with this increased focus, some education experts say momentum is building for more recognition of the "T" and "E" in STEM – technology and engineering, two subjects often overlooked.

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According to education experts, STEM skills are no longer just good skills to have; they are increasingly vital to a 21st century education – and students should begin cultivating these skills as early as possible. For young learners, CompuChild provides a solid foundation in technology skills using developmentally appropriate hardware, software and curriculum, while at the same time helping children strengthen literacy and math skills. CompuChild helps prepare students for the academic challenges of the 21st century.



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