A STEM definition:

STEM education is an interdisciplinary approach to learning where rigorous academic concepts are coupled with real-world lessons as students apply science, technology, engineering and mathematics in contexts that make connections between school, community, and work.
Education:

From an educational perspective, science and math are essential with technology and engineering being “integrated” when appropriate.

STEM is often seen as a very specialized, high-tech field that academically proficient students are encouraged to pursue.
Workforce:

The workforce perspective is more about grooming workers with 21\textsuperscript{st} century skills who are ready to move forward.

Business/Industry is seeking a workforce that solves problems and is able to develop quick and cost-effective solutions.
Everyone who thinks they know what STEM means, knows what it means within their field.

Everyone else is defining it to fit their own needs.
For today.....

1. Listen for references to the other 15 career clusters.

2. What do students need to know?

3. Soft skills - essential to STEM?