

Mississippi Approves STEMscopes Digital Science Curriculum for Grades K-12 in State Science Textbook Adoption

HOUSTON – March 26, 2018 – <u>Accelerate Learning</u> today announces that the <u>STEMscopes™</u> digital science curriculum has been approved by the Mississippi State Board of Education as part of the state textbook adoption in science. <u>STEMscopes Mississippi</u> was approved for use in K-5 and 6-8, and for biology in grades 9-12, the only curriculum provider to be named in all three grade level categories.

Built on a digital platform, enhanced by print, and brought to life in hands-on kits, STEMscopes Mississippi is an all-in-one STEM solution for the Mississippi College and Career Readiness Standards. It places problem-based learning, engineering challenges, scientific investigations, math and literacy connections, and culminating claim-evidence-reasoning assessments at teachers' fingertips so they can easily help students understand the standards as they were designed.

"The Mississippi state textbook adoption is designed to support districts in selecting high-quality, teacher-rated curriculum solutions for classroom instruction and student intervention. We're honored that STEMscopes Mississippi was recommended by the State Textbook Rating Committee and that it was the only solution approved by the State Board of Education for use in grades K-8 and high school biology," said Dr. Vernon Johnson, president and CEO of Accelerate Learning. "Plus, with STEMscopes, districts can bundle our digital curriculum, supplemental print materials, ready-made exploration kits, and our 24/7 professional development portal for less than traditional publishers' textbooks."

Incubated at Rice University and developed by Accelerate Learning, STEMscopes Mississippi is rooted in the 5E instructional model. It effectively connects the three dimensions of the Mississippi College and Career Readiness Standards — Disciplinary Core Ideas, Science and Engineering Practices, and Crosscutting Concepts — into lesson activities that enhance any teaching style. A point-and-click, drag-and-drop platform and integrated professional development and teaching tools make it easy for teachers to implement and continuously improve their instruction. In addition, strong vertical alignment allows teachers to easily develop student expectations across grade levels with parallel lesson design.

For more information, visit http://stemscopes.com or call toll-free 800-531-0864.

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