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California State Board of Education Adopts STEMscopes CA NGSS 3D for K-8 Science

Accelerate Learning's phenomena-based 3D learning STEM curriculum approved for K-5 science and for Preferred Integrated and Discipline Specific models in grades 6-8

HOUSTON — Nov. 13, 2018 — <u>Accelerate Learning</u> today announces that the <u>California State Board of Education</u> has named <u>STEMscopes CA NGSS 3D</u> an approved curriculum for California science classrooms. The adoption of STEMscopes CA NGSS 3D includes grades K-5 and both course models in grades 6-8 — the Preferred Integrated Model and Discipline Specific Model — for implementing instruction to meet the California Next Generation Science Standards (CA NGSS).

STEMscopes CA NGSS 3D is a comprehensive, hands-on STEM curriculum that is built on the CA NGSS and aligned to the California Science Framework. It is centered on phenomena-based instruction to drive student inquiry and a passion for STEM, while helping students prepare for the California Science Test (CAST).

"Phenomena-driven three-dimensional learning, which is a key part of the California Science Framework, requires a shift in science instruction for many teachers, particularly at the elementary and middle school levels. With STEMscopes CA NGSS 3D, teachers now have easy-to-implement, standards-aligned instructional materials and a 24/7 professional development portal at their fingertips, so they can spend less time planning and more time implementing phenomena-driven instruction," said Dr. Vernon Johnson, president and CEO of Accelerate Learning.

STEMscopes CA NGSS 3D combines a comprehensive digital curriculum, supplemental print materials, and ready-made exploration kits with embedded professional development to support student and teacher success. It employs 3D learning to comprehensively address the Disciplinary Core Ideas, Crosscutting Concepts, and Science and Engineering Practices through the student-driven inquiry of phenomena across flexible storylines. Using the 5E plus intervention and acceleration lesson model, students are able to engage with all areas of the CA NGSS using problem-based learning, engineering challenges, scientific investigations, math and literacy connections, and culminating claimevidence-reasoning assessments.

STEMscopes CA NGSS 3D is also available in Spanish for grades K-5.

For information or to start a full-access trial, visit stemscopescalifornia.com.

About Accelerate Learning

Incubated at Rice University, Accelerate Learning has grown from a single product, STEMscopes, to a brand that now offers a variety of curriculum and professional development solutions that support early learning, NGSS, and state-aligned curriculum. For more information, visit http://stemscopes.com or call toll-free 800-531-0864.



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