



Accelerate Learning's Latest Updates to STEMscopes Digital Science Curriculum Help Teachers Bolster Engagement, Deepen STEM Understanding, and Increase Accessibility

STEMscopes adds new games, content updates and features to accommodate accessibility needs

HOUSTON – Sept. 19, 2017 – Making STEM concepts engaging, helping students see how concepts connect, and making instructional material accessible for students with special needs are just some of the everyday challenges teachers face. To make teachers' jobs easier, <u>Accelerate Learning</u> today announces several updates to the <u>STEMscopes K-12</u> digital curriculum.

Among the most notable new enhancements is the addition of highly interactive games designed in partnership with educational game developer <u>Filament Games</u>. The games supplement lessons in <u>STEMscopes NGSS</u> and custom state editions and target students in grades 3-8.

The new STEMscopes release includes improvements to several teacher tools including the Master Assignment View, which now allows for multiple classes to be viewed on one screen. The STEMscopes Assessment Bank Tool has been improved to allow teachers to search for standards by lesson. New scope and sequence documents, along with other lesson planning resources, have been added to the Teacher Toolbox.

For students who need special accommodations to support learning, STEMscopes now allows users to change settings to make materials more accessible, and it includes an option for captioned content videos. Teachers and students are able to change the font size and type of the site text, change the view theme, and change the speed of the text-to-speech feature. Students can also select to have text highlighted as it is read aloud.

"We work closely with teachers to ensure that STEMscopes provides them with all the tools they need to accelerate student learning in science. In fact, many of theses current updates were made in direct response to teacher suggestions," said Vernon Johnson, CEO of Accelerate Learning. "By continually updating and improving our curriculum and tools, we are helping teachers continually improve their practice and success in teaching the STEM subjects."

A complete overview of these and other updates to the STEMscopes programs is available at New STEMscopes Updates.

About Accelerate Learning

Founded 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, Next Generation Science Standards, state-aligned curriculum, and STEM certification programs.

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