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Accelerate Learning Announces Nationwide Release of Award-Winning STEMscopes Online Science Curricula

Developed at Rice University, the STEMscopes PK-12 Digital Science Program Supports
Rigorous State and NGSS Standards

Houston, TX – June 24, 2014 -- A solid understanding of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) is essential for college and career readiness. With the release of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and increasing rigor of state standards, school districts are in search of curricula that focus on a deeper understanding — and the application — of STEM content. To provide preK-12 schools with a comprehensive, online science curriculum that meets all NGSS and state science standards, [Accelerate Learning](#) today announces the national release of [STEMscopes™ NGSS](#) and [STEMscopes™ State Edition](#) for K-12 students, and [STEMscopes™ Early Explorer](#) for preschool students. [Click to Tweet.](#)

Developed in conjunction with Rice University, STEMscopes has become the most widely used preK-12 science curriculum in Texas, serving more than 1.5 million students. Now available to school districts across the country, STEMscopes can be used as a core science curriculum, or as a supplementary or enrichment resource. The online, inquiry-based curriculum provides digital teacher and student materials and assessments, as well as printed materials and ready-made science kits for each grade level.

“For years, schools have struggled to find ways to provide students with engaging, inquiry-based instruction that not only builds a deep understanding in science but connects it to the real world,” said Dr. Vernon Johnson, CEO for Accelerate Learning. “STEMscopes’ core approach is hands-on science — learning science by doing science — created by teachers for teachers.”

“We know that the teacher is the key to classroom success, but you also have to put the right tools in the teachers' hands. STEMscopes is the right tool. There is a positive correlation between teachers who implement STEMscopes fully in their classroom and student success. STEMscopes has positively impacted our district and provides the resources a teacher needs to boost student achievement. The diligence in creating this product is evident,” said Denise Fisher, STEM liaison for Grapevine-Colleyville ISD.

Built from the ground up to today’s science standards, STEMscopes is designed to work in any classroom regardless of how much technology is available or used. STEMscopes works in traditional, blended and 1:1 classrooms. The program is flexible and can accommodate any teaching style. To save time and make lesson planning easy, STEMscopes unwraps the NGSS and state science standards into digestible modules for students. Using an intuitive dashboard and drag-and-drop system, teachers can select from up to 35 resources per standard to develop

their lessons. Within each unit, teachers can quickly review student expectations, key concepts and fundamental questions, and access materials lists and assessments. In addition, up-to-the-minute analytics provide teachers with feedback on each student, so they can accelerate learning with differentiated activities.

For students, STEMscopes provides an array of hands-on, interactive activities to turn their natural curiosity into positive outcomes. Activities such as scientific investigations, problem-based learning activities, career and content connection videos, games, and interdisciplinary connections help students take ownership of their learning and develop a deeper understanding of the knowledge and skills they need to succeed. To extend learning to the home, STEMscopes also offers a parent and student online portal.

About Accelerate Learning, Inc.

Accelerate Learning, in conjunction with Rice University, is focused on becoming the preeminent and most effective digital PreK-12 STEM resource used by teachers, students, and parents as measured by adoption and usage by schools, districts, and families. With over 1.5 million student users and growing, Accelerate Learning has grown from a single product, STEMscopes in 2007, to a brand that now offers a variety of curriculum and professional development solutions across the United States, which supports early learning, NGSS, and state-aligned curriculum. Previously, Accelerate Learning has earned recognition in District Administration's Top 100 Products, SIIA Innovation Incubator, and EdTech's Cool Tool Awards.

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