



The leader in PreK-12 STEM education

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**Accelerate Learning's STEMscopes Online Science Curricula Named  
2014 Digital Innovation in Learning Award (DILA) Winner**

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

**Houston, TX – Nov. 24, 2014** – [STEMscopes](#), a comprehensive, digital K-12 science solution for pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students, has been named a winner in the inaugural [Digital Innovation in Learning Awards](#) (DILA). Organized by [EdSurge](#) and [Digital Promise](#), the DILAs were created to celebrate accomplishments in education technology by educators, administrators, and education technology organizations.

Developed by [Accelerate Learning](#) and Rice University, STEMscopes won in the DILA's Listen & Learn category, which sought to recognize a solution provider that responds quickly to reported problems, employs successful feedback mechanisms for users, and incorporates pilots and user feedback in product development. More than 1,500 first-round applications and nominations were received for the 15 DILA categories, for which one winner and four honorable mentions were chosen in each. The winners and finalists were celebrated at the Digital Innovation in Learning Awards Gala on Nov. 21 at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View, Calif.

"In three years, STEMscopes has grown from a resource used primarily by elementary school teachers in Texas, to a comprehensive pre-K-12 science curriculum utilized by more than 60,000 teachers and over 1.5 million students across the country. This growth and success was possible because we work closely with teachers to build, assess, and continually improve a digital tool that meets their daily planning, instructional, and assessment needs," said Dr. Vernon Johnson, President and CEO for Accelerate Learning. "By incorporating teachers' input and knowledge into STEMscopes, we've helped students across all subgroups develop a love of science that is reflected in improved performance. Receiving this award validates that strategy and is very gratifying to us all," said Dr. Reid Whitaker, Founder and Chief Academic Officer for Accelerate Learning.

Evidence shows that a solid understanding of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) is essential for college and career readiness. STEMscopes helps schools address STEM learning through three core curriculum programs, [STEMscopes™ NGSS](#) and [STEMscopes™ State Edition](#) for K-12 students, and [STEMscopes™ Early Explorer](#) for preschool students. Each curriculum is supported by [STEMcoach](#), a free STEM community that allows teachers to share best practices and lessons while learning from experts in the field.

Built from the ground up to today's science standards, STEMscopes is designed to work in any classroom — traditional, blended and 1:1 — regardless of how much technology is available or used. 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 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 to a brand that offers a variety of curriculum and professional development solutions which support early learning, NGSS, and state-aligned curriculum. Accelerate Learning has also earned recognition in District Administration's Top 100 Products, SIIA Innovation Incubator, and EdTech's Cool Tool Awards.

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