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## STEMscopes from Accelerate Learning Is Named a Readers' Choice Top Product Award Winner from District Administration Magazine

STEMscopes comprehensive, hands-on science curriculum chosen from among a record number of nominations by District Administration readers

Houston, TX – Dec. 7, 2015 – Adding to an already impressive list of industry accolades, Accelerate Learning today announced its STEMscopes™ PreK-12 digital science curriculum has been named a "Readers' Choice Top Product" by District Administration magazine. The winners were selected by the magazine's editors from more than 2,000 nominations from the magazine's readers — K-12 education administrators and leaders — for products they believe are making a positive difference in education.

Developed by Accelerate Learning and Rice University, STEMscopes was built from the ground up to help students meet today's state specific standards and the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). It provides teacher and student digital resources, supplemental print materials and hands-on exploration kits that build student engagement and excitement for learning. As with all of Accelerate Learning's STEM solutions, inquiry-based investigation is at the core of STEMscopes. It fosters student understanding of science through meaningful hands-on inquiry-based investigations, so they develop deeper understandings of the world around them.

"A recent study of 360,000 fifth grade students in Texas showed that students who used the STEMscopes digital curriculum had higher passing rates on the state STAAR Science test than students who used other publisher products or district developed curriculum," said Vernon Johnson, president and CEO of Accelerate Learning. "We hear this anecdotally from other states as well, and the fact that K-12 education leaders from across the country have honored us with this award says they, too, recognize that STEMscopes is a highly effective program that contributes to student and teacher success."

District Administration's Readers' Choice Top Products awards program informs superintendents and other senior school district leaders about products their colleagues around the country are using to help their districts excel in a variety of areas, such as technology, sustainability and curriculum instruction.

## **About Accelerate Learning Inc.**

Accelerate Learning, in conjunction with Rice University, is focused on becoming the most effective digital preK-12 STEM resource used by teachers, students, and parents.





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 which support early learning, NGSS, and state-aligned curriculum. Accelerate Learning has earned recognition in *District Administration*'s Top 100 Products, SIIA Innovation Incubator, and *EdTech Digest*'s Cool Tool Awards.

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