

2014-2015 Middle School Field Trial Opportunity

The Learning Design Group at UC Berkeley's Lawrence Hall of Science is currently recruiting schools and teachers for upcoming Middle School field trials. These trials will test preliminary versions of the Learning Design Group's rich science curriculum, developed in partnership with Amplify Learning, which combines hands-on inquiry, the use of digital tools, and support for disciplinary literacy (reading, writing, and talking about science). The curriculum supports both the Next Generation Science Standards and the Common Core Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects.

The teacher's guide will be delivered digitally via a web browser. Student activities will utilize a mixture of paper-based materials, physical materials, digital simulations, and other online learning tools. Teachers will be provided with kits that include paper and physical materials and will be given access to digital simulations, videos, student readings, and other electronic tools. Computers or tablet devices will need to be provided by the participating schools. Teachers will receive incentives for their participation.

Schools participating in our field trials are required to:

- Have wireless Internet access and the ability to project.
- Have 1:1 laptops or tablets available to students for three class periods
- Provide on-site technical support.
- Support instructional time necessary to implement curriculum in classrooms.

Teachers participating in our field trials are required to:

- Teach the field trial units as completely as possible to the best of their ability.
- Provide student demographic information.
- Complete online surveys about the curriculum.
- Return a sample set of student work to the Lawrence Hall of Science (postage paid) within two weeks of the completion of the field trial.

Science Unit	Estimated Field Trial Start Date
Geology on Mars	January 16, 2015



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