

Discovery Education Experience Getting Started Guide



About this Guide

This guide is a resource for districts that are just starting the Discovery Education Experience journey! Within these pages you will find step by step directions, images and videos to walk you through the platform.



If you are a curriculum director, administrator, supervising teacher, or the teacher responsible for implementing Discovery Education Experience in your district, this guide can support your process. Your first step is to watch the “Welcome to Discovery Education Experience Video”. Use this [Getting Started Video](#) to share at your staff meeting to welcome them to Discovery Education!

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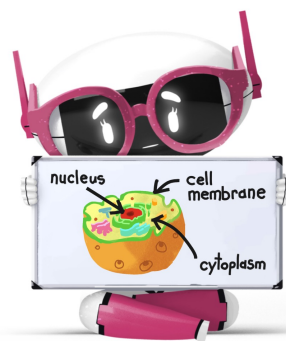
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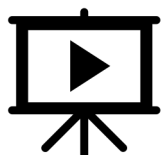
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The Video Button



This Video Button shows you where you can watch a quick video on the topic listed in the handbook! Look for the link within each section.

To see the entire list of videos in the playlist, click here [“Video Series for Getting Started Guide”](#).



Welcome to Discovery Education Experience!



Discovery Education and Montana Office of Public Instruction have partnered to provide you with our award-winning K-12 learning platform, Discovery Education Experience. This partnership allows districts to utilize over 150,000 resources in all core subject areas and includes health, fitness, the arts, STEM, agriculture, careers and much more!

Frequently Asked Questions

How do we gain access for this free partnership?

- If you have received this handbook and you don't have access to Discovery Education Experience, you will need to have an administrator or lead teacher sign your district up. It's easy! **Scan the QR Code** and fill out the form. Watch a [video](#) on how to sign up! Common Questions on this form are:
 - What is LEA? – Legal Entity # of your district – however, place your name of your district on that line! We'll find the number for you.
 - What is SSO? – Single Sign On such as Microsoft, Clever or Google.
 - What is LMS? – Learning Management System such as Google or Schoology.



Who is my contact for Discovery Education Experience in Montana?

- Allison Nys is your manager of of the statewide partnership. Allison is a 27-year veteran educator with 16 years of teaching experience in a rural school and 11 years in administration as a principal and curriculum director. anys@discoveryed.com

We would love Professional Learning – but we can't afford it.

- Great news! You don't have to pay anything! Part of the partnership is that you receive all your professional learning **free of charge**. See the section on Professional Learning in this guide.



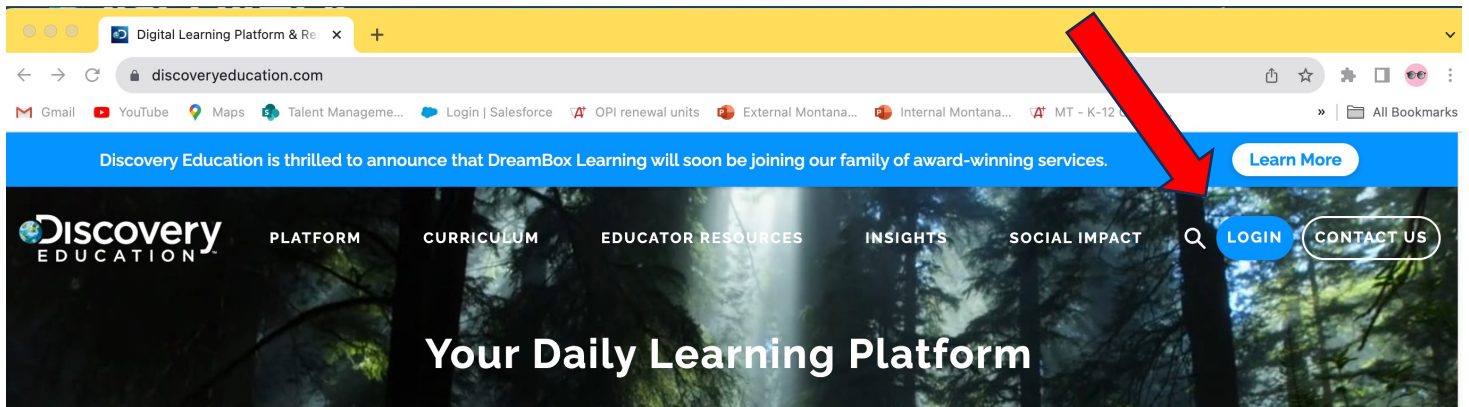
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Logging In

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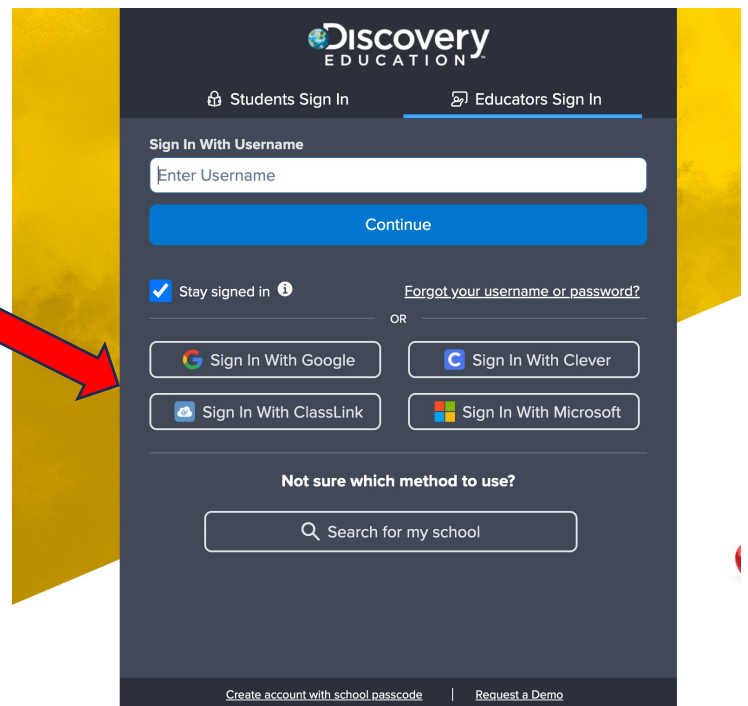
- Go to www.discoveryeducation.com
- Select the blue login button in top right-hand corner



Single Sign On (SSO) vs. Username and Password

If your school uses SSO, such as Google, you will select the SSO type your school utilizes and follow the directions on the screen.

If your school entered your information manually, they will give you your username and password.





The first time you login, you will be asked a series of questions about what you teach and your interests. This is to help build your homepage.

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Your Home Screen


[Your Home Screen Video](#) 

 Every tool you need can be found in the **Global Navigation Menu**.

My DE

 Assignments

Inside the **Global Navigation Menu**, you will find your classrooms, assignments and you are able to browse Montana State Standards.

 Classrooms

 Explore


 Browse Standards

If your school has purchased other Discovery materials, such as Techbooks, Mystery Science or Mystery Writing, you will find them located under **Curriculum Packs**.

Curriculum Packs

 Math Techbook


 Science Techbook

 Social Studies Techbook

 STEM Connect

 Coding

 Mystery Science

 Science for Texas

 Mystery Writing

Tools

 My Content

 Studio

 Quiz

 Assessment Builder

The **Tools** area will house your platform to create and edit assignments along with our Quiz and Assessment Builder. This is also where you will find your Content, which is where you can save your files from Discovery Education Experience into organized folders.

Educator Supports

 Educator Supports

Don't know how to do something? Find our **Educator Supports** here!



Anywhere you are in the platform, click the Earth to go **Home**!

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Don't have time to watch a full video now, but want to save it for later? Save it to our **Quick List**! The number will change with the number of items you have saved. You can find that list under the number icon or your profile. The **Profile** button is where you can log out of Discovery if needed.

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Organizing your Home Screen Layout

Edit Home Layout 

Your **home screen layout** can be arranged in any order you want.

Inside your **Home Layout** button, you can drag and drop any item. The order you select here, will show up on your home screen.

Customize Homepage

Drag to reorder and organize the rows on your homepage.

- My Channels
- Timely & Relevant
- Educator Supports
- DE Staff Picks
- DE Originals
- Videos For You
- Activities For You
- Top News Stories
- Curriculum Packs
- Recently Viewed

Done

Reorder

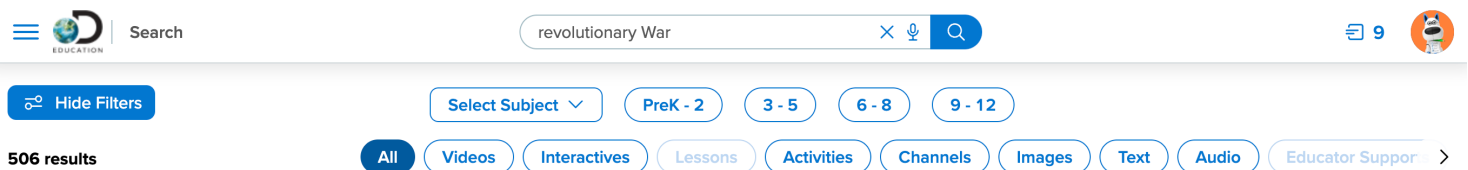
You can also **reorder** your channels. Click the reorder button, then drag and drop your channels into any order you want!

Searching



Searching Video

On the home screen you will find a **search engine**. This works just like any other search engine. Type in what you are looking for and see the results. In the following example I've used Revolutionary War and hit the blue search/magnifying glass.



A generic search of Revolutionary War gives us 506 results. Use the **filters** across the top for grade level band (you can select more than one) and the types of items you are looking for such as videos, images or activities.

Topic

- United States History (424)
- World History (111)
- Geography (88)
- Civics (78)
- Ancient Civilizations (13)
- Canadian Studies (3)

Language

Details

Copyright

Publisher

Open the **filters** at the left and narrow your search down even further!

Note: Having too broad or too narrow of a search may interfere with the results. Play around with what you select to find what you want to view. These filters reset each time you search for something new.

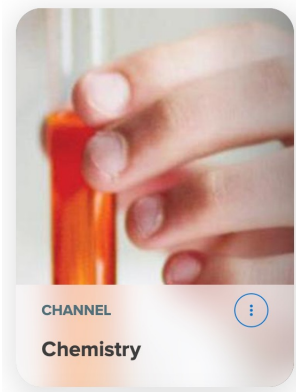
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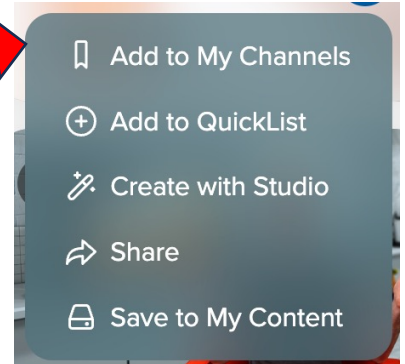
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Channels are collections of items in one folder. They also show on your home page and make getting to your resources faster and easier.

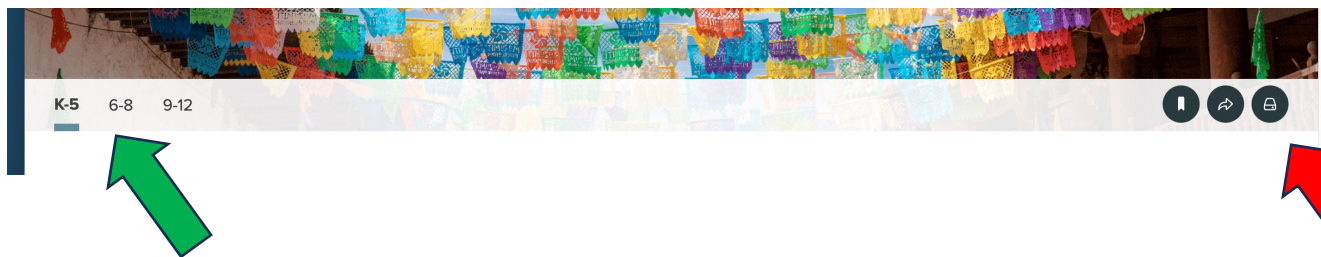


To save a channel to your home page simply click the **three vertical dots** and select the bookmark "Add to My Channels".



The **three vertical dots** can be found on any resource within Discovery Education Experience. The other items found under the dots are:

- **Add to QuickList:** Don't have time to look at everything now, and aren't sure you want to save it on your home screen? Add to your QuickList to look at later.
- **Create with Studio:** Any activity, slide show, board etc. can be edited by copying the item and placing into our Studio platform.
- **Share:** Have Google Classroom or other Learning Management System? Click here to go directly to your LMS or copy a link to share.
- **Save to My Content:** Want to save your items in a neat and organized fashion? This will take you to an area where you can make folders to organize all your saved resources in Discovery Education Experience.



All channels are **grade level banded**. Once the channel is open you can select one grade level band to filter your search. On the right side, you can find "add" or "remove" from your channels; a **share** button if you want the entire channel shared to your class; or "save" button to **save to your content**.

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Assigning

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If your school has Google Classroom or another Learning Management System, you can **share** assignments through a link or share button (found in the three vertical dots menu).

Assign

You may also see an **Assign** button. This button allows you to share an assignment directly through Discovery Education. When a student logs into Discovery they will see they have an assignment to complete.

 Title and Instructions > **2** Assign to > **3** Schedule > **4** Confirmation

Assign to

Select entire classes or a group of students within your classes.

All Classes

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Nys 1 [Select Students](#)

By selecting a class, the entire class is automatically selected. Only choose to edit if you want to select a smaller set of individuals.

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You can **schedule** a specific time frame that you want the assignment to be sent out. Click Assign!

Where can I find my assignments for my students? Under your Global Navigation Menu you will find Assignments. Go there to find all your assignments in Discovery Education.

NOTE: It is important to view all resources before assigning to students to ensure they are appropriate for your age of student.

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Share

Copy Link



<https://app.discoveryeducation.com/learn/player/3833d0b2-03ec-4668-8b80-49bc>

[Copy Link](#)

Share via Your Learning Management System

-  Google Classroom >
-  Microsoft Teams >
-  Schoolology >
-  Canvas >

Once you select the **Assign** button you can change directions or add important details to the assignment description. You can also assign to all your students in one class, or multiple classes. And you are given an opportunity to assign it to only select students.

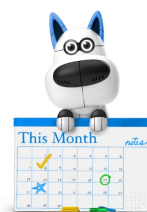
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Schedule

Select the start and due dates.

Start date:

Due date:



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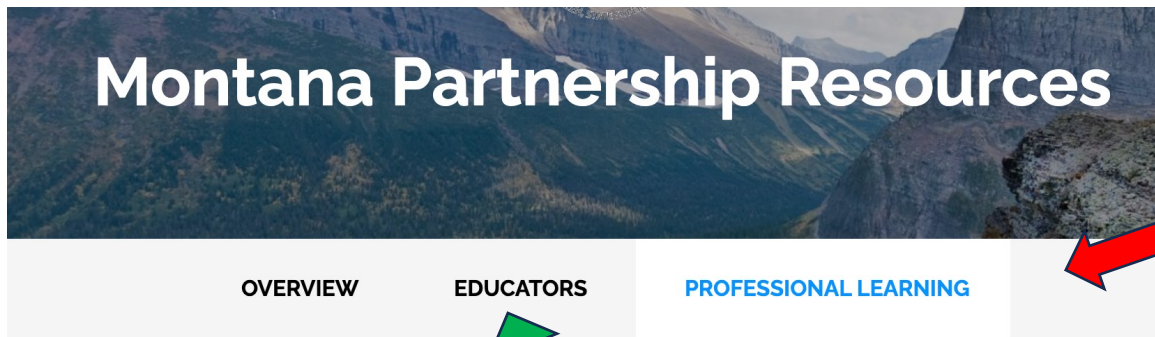


Professional Learning



[Professional Learning Video](#)

On our [Montana Partnership Resources | Discovery Education](#) page, you will find **Professional Learning** Opportunities. These classes are live learning webinars and available to all educators at no cost. Click any blue button to register for a class, then join in on the zoom during your scheduled time. All classes earn you 1 OPI renewal credit.



Our monthly newsletter (Monthly Content Highlights) can also be found under the **Educators tab** on this website along with a featured channel each month.

Professional Learning can also be arranged for individual groups, schools, or districts. In person and virtual options are available. Contact Allison Nys to schedule Professional Learning in your district. anys@discoveryed.com

Professional Learning registration links can also be found on the [OPI Learning Hub page](#).

DEN STAR Network

Join an amazing group of educators across the globe in our DEN STAR network. Share experiences, lessons, and learn alongside others. Montana is growing their network of stars and is always looking for more! Scan the QR code to learn more!



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