Welcome Teachers!

DiscoverDesign.org is an online platform where students, teachers, and mentors come together to design solutions for real-world challenges.

DiscoverDesign supports 21st Century skills – creativity, critical thinking, communication, collaboration – using new media and promoting digital literacy. It’s ideal for use in Career and Tech Ed classes and STEAM courses. Educators in art and science also find DiscoverDesign to be rigorous and relevant for cross-disciplinary project-based learning.

Getting Started for Teachers

1. Set up an account at www.discoverdesign.org/register

   Complete the registration form – under Role make sure to select Educator

   Also make sure to include your school (this will make it easier to pair you with students).

2. Confirm your account via email to set your password.
3. Log in at www.discoverdesign.org/login

Teachers will need to verify your Teacher status by filling out the Teacher Verification Form at: www.discoverdesign.org/teacher-verification

Benefits for Teachers

Once you are verified as a Teacher on DiscoverDesign you will have access to the Teacher Dashboard. This makes navigating the site and working with your students incredibly easy.

Check out our Teacher User Guide (www.discoverdesign.org/teacher-user-guide) to learn how to manage your classes, assign students a design challenges or remix your own! Teachers can also award digital badges, and leave feedback on your students’ projects.

Getting Started for Students

1. Set up an account at www.discoverdesign.org/register
   ○ Complete the registration form – under Role make sure to select Student.
   ○ If you are signing up as part of a class, please include your teacher’s name under Teacher. This will match you with your teacher.
2. Verify your account via email to set your password.
3. Log in at www.discoverdesign.org/user/login
Benefits for Students

Whether you’re a novice or expert designer there is a Design Challenge for you! Each of our challenges guides students through the Design Process to help them make informed decisions. Our interactive platform allows students to upload their work to one place and share digitally. After each challenge students will have a final prototype to showcase their hard work.

Check out the Student Gallery to see examples of work created by students around the country. After you have completed a few challenges, check out our Badges and Competitions pages to learn how to take your skills to the next level.

Below are some examples of projects created by students on DiscoverDesign:
How can you use DiscoverDesign in your classroom?

Everyone is a designer.

We make design decisions everyday, and without meaning to do so we use the steps of the design process.

Assign your students a Design Challenge.

DiscoverDesign offers design challenges for every level. Start your students with a “small” project and as they learn encourage them to take on a bigger challenge.

Encourage students to apply for Digital Badges.

Learning happens both inside and outside the classroom. Help your students showcase their skills to set them apart on applications and resumes. We offer badges in research, writing, hand sketching, model making, and more!

Getting your students Competition ready.

After your students have learned the basics of design, and completed a few design challenges, register your class for a competition! DiscoverDesign partners with, and hosts, several competitions throughout the year. Each student will receive a participant badge for competing, and will learn valuable skills along the way. Prizes are awarded to the winners!