



Date: September 17, 2021  
To: Harlem Board of Education  
Josh Aurand, Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations  
From: Michelle Erb, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction  
Re: Gizmo Digital Subscription

## **Introduction**

In order to give our teachers and students a more robust teaching and learning experience, enhancing our access to digital learning platforms is important. Whether students are learning in the school buildings, or learning at home while on quarantine, these digital subscriptions will improve our teachers' ability to deliver instructions, and improve our students' ability to engage with their teachers and peers.

We reached out to teachers to ask them what they needed to be successful this year. Dr. Wagner and Mrs. Logan brought forward several digital subscriptions in August. We recently learned that ExploreLearning Gizmos forgot to include our middle school teachers and students. When looking at the activity report this product is used on a regular basis by many of our middle school science teachers.

## ExploreLearning Gizmos

ExploreLearning Gizmos is a web-based site containing an array of math and science simulations arranged by curriculum and topic. Teachers can create a home page, where they can create classes, access student information, assign Gizmos, and review assessment results for students. Each Gizmo has support materials including lesson plans, vocabulary, teacher guides and editable student exploration sheets. Science teachers can use Gizmos to provide students with virtual lab simulations that students may not be able to safely perform in the classroom.

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