Substitute Teacher Toolkit

As a substitute teacher, it can be challenging to quickly grasp all the tools within a classroom. Discovery Education (DE) works to support all teachers as they engage students in their learning—including substitute teachers.

We provide compelling high-quality content and unique tools to bring excitement and relevance to student learning.

In order to best support substitute teachers, we have curated some helpful tips and tricks so that you can provide a seamless learning experience for students.

Signing In

In order to complete the activities or access the resources in this toolkit, you will need a unique Discovery Education teacher login provided by your school or district.

Discovery Education offers a variety of ways for teachers and students to sign in. Please work with your school or district to understand how you and your students should sign in to access DE.

Quick Links to Help You Get Started:

- Learn about Discovery Education and how to use digital resources in the classroom with the Substitute Guide to DE: dlc.com/DESubstitutes.
- Learn how we encourage students and families to use DE at home in our Family Guide to DE: dlc.com/DEFamilyGuide
- Find answers to your questions in our Step-by-Step Guides for DE: dlc.com/DEStepbyStep
- Explore how to use DE with other Learning Management Systems (Canvas, Schoology, Brightspace, Infinite Campus): dlc.com/DELMS
2 Quick Implementation Ideas for DE in the Classroom That Don’t Require Student Logins

Check out these two quick ideas to engage students in Discovery Education resources. While you will need a login to access and share these resources, you can choose to project these resources on a screen to engage the whole class. When sharing DE in this way, students do not need a login. Please sign in before accessing any of the links below.

1. Go on a Virtual Field Trip without Leaving the Classroom
   Take your students beyond the classroom walls and into some of the world's most iconic locations for rich and immersive learning experiences—no permission slips required—with the Virtual Field Trips Channel.
   Explore: dlc.com/VFT

2. Find + Share Digital Resources with Students
   Use the keyword search bar at the top of your DE window and search for the topic you will be teaching. As you find resources you like, click the + to add them to your QuickList. Once you are ready, share these resources to the entire class with a projector.
   Learn More: dlc.com/SearchResources dlc.com/QuickList
2 Quick Implementation Ideas for DE in the Classroom That Require Student Logins

Explore these three ways to engage students in Discovery Education. You will need to sign in to DE to access these resources. Students do not need to be a part of your classroom, but will need a log in to complete these activities. Please sign in before accessing any of the links below.

1. **Student Exploration + Research**
   Just like teachers can search for and find resources, so can students! Students can explore topics they are interested in through DE’s safe and secure platform. Or, have students research an upcoming topic of study to prepare for the lesson and share out with other students.
   Learn More: [dlc.com/StudentExperience](dlc.com/StudentExperience)

2. **Foster Student Creativity**
   DE’s content creation tool, Studio, can be used by students to demonstrate their understanding by unleashing their creativity. They can combine text, digital resources (both from DE or their own uploaded content), buttons, links, and more to share topics they are interested in or as a cumulative project at the end of a lesson.
   Learn More: [dlc.com/LearnStudio](dlc.com/LearnStudio)
Engaging PreK Resources

Sign in to DE and select the links below to access. Or, complete a keyword search for the titles below to find the resource.

- Early Learning
- Audiobooks
- Weston Woods Literacy Library
- Reading Rainbow
- Cha-Ching: Money Smart Kids
- The Language of Math
- Addition
- Inner Explorer
- LaGolda
- Everyday Speech
- Sid the Science Kid
- Fishtronaut
- Magic School Bus
- The Fixies
- Animals
- Insects
- Animated Hero Classics
- Exploring Your Community and It’s Workers
- Symbols of the United States of America
Engaging K-2 Resources

Sign in to DE and select the links below to access. Or, complete a keyword search for the titles below to find the resource.

• Audiobooks
• Weston Woods Literacy Library
• Reading Rainbow
• Monthly Math Challenges
• Cha-Ching: Money Smart Kids
• The Language of Math
• Addition
• Subtraction
• Wellness
• LaGolda
• Everyday Speech
• Sid the Science Kid
• Magic School Bus
• The Fixies
• Animals
• Insects
• Celebrate Hispanic Heritage
• Animated Hero Classics
• Exploring Your Community and It's Workers
• Symbols of the United States of America
• Inner Explorer
Engaging 3-5 Resources

Sign in to DE and select the links below to access. Or, complete a keyword search for the titles below to find the resource.

- Weston Woods Literacy Library
- Cha-Ching: Money Smart Kids
- Monthly Math Challenges
- Math Connections
- Arithmetic
- Magic School Bus
- Earth to Luna
- Animated Hero Classics
- Liberty’s Kids
- Time Warp Trio
- SOAR with Wings
- Discover Your Happy
- Communities and Geography
- Health
- Celebrate Hispanic Heritage
- Celebrating Native American Heritage
- Celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage
- Virtual Field Trips
- Amazing Me
- Undeniably Dairy
- City of US Virtual Field Trip
- Inner Explorer Channel
- LaGolda SEL Resources
Engaging 6-8 Resources

Sign in to DE and select the links below to access. Or, complete a keyword search for the titles below to find the resource.

- Audiobooks
- SEL Writing Prompts
- Explore English/Language Arts
- Poetry
- Pathway to Financial Success in Schools
- Math Interactives
- Math Connections
- Monthly Math Challenges
- Phenomenal Science
- Outrageous Acts of Science
- STEM Careers
- Mythbusters
- Science News for Students
- Social Studies Interactives
- Speak Truth to Power
- Stuff You Should Know
- Inner Explorer
- Wellness
- Child Mind Institute
- Discover Your Happy
- Health
- African American Experiences
- Celebrate Hispanic Heritage
- Celebrating Native American Heritage
- Celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage
- Virtual Field Trips
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Engaging 9-12 Resources

Sign in to DE and select the links below to access. Or, complete a keyword search for the titles below to find the resource.

- Audiobooks
- William Shakespeare
- Encyclopedia Womannica
- Poetry
- Pathway to Financial Success in Schools
- Math Connections
- Algebra
- STEM Careers
- Mythbusters
- Science News for Students
- Phenomenal Science
- Outrageous Acts of Science
- Speak Truth to Power
- Stuff You Should Know
- Explore Social Studies
- BESE
- Econ Essentials
- Teaching with Testimony
- Inner Explorer
- Child Mind Institute
- Discover Your Happy
- Health
- Celebrate Hispanic Heritage
- Celebrating Native American Heritage
- Celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage
- Virtual Field Trips