

Educurious Annual Report 2020

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Educurious is a nonprofit, education change-maker.

Our project-based learning curriculum empowers youth to take charge of their learning. Technology is our friend, real-world experts are our allies.

Our courses and suite of tools excite teachers and ignite students' curiosity to solve the essential problems of the world, connecting curriculum to career.

We place youth at the center of their learning.

Too many students are disengaged from their learning because they don't find school to be connected to their interests, or see the relevance to what they're learning to life beyond school.

"I feel really confident that I can take on anything that I want to do in the future because of what I've learned how to do in class."

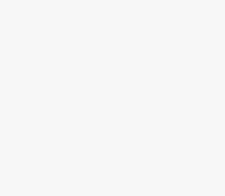
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What We Do

Every teacher wants to make a difference.

We help make that happen.



Project-Based Learning Courses

Our courses are steeped in the latest learning sciences and are aligned to high standards and expectations. Our real-world approach fires up students' passion for learning, so they want to stay in school and graduate ready for college or careers.

Our Curriculum:

- High School
 - Biology
 - Environmental Science
 - Language Arts
- Middle School
 - Science
 - Social Studies
- Elementary
 - Science
 - Social Studies
- Career-Connected Learning



Expert Network

Working professionals serve as subject matter mentors, creating connections between the classroom and the real world.



Professional Learning

Educurious offers immersive professional learning for teachers, as well as district and school leadership. We help educators understand the principles and learning science of project-based learning, implement practices that motivate students, and develop a culture that nurtures project-based learning.

Curriculum Progress

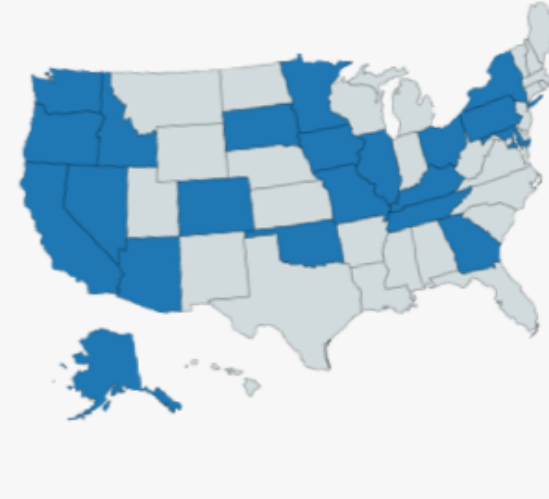
Since our founding in 2011, Educurious has expanded the number of courses and professional learning services we offer, and significantly grown the number of districts, schools, and students we serve.

	4th Grade	5th Grade	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Elementary Science	Curriculum available								
Elementary Social Studies	Curriculum available	Curriculum to be developed							
Middle School Social Studies			Curriculum available	Curriculum available	Curriculum available				
Middle School Science			Curriculum available	Curriculum available	Curriculum available	Curriculum available	Curriculum available	Curriculum available	Curriculum available
High School Science						Curriculum available	Curriculum available	Curriculum to be developed	Curriculum to be developed
High School ELA						Curriculum available	Curriculum available	Curriculum to be developed	Curriculum to be developed
Career-Connected Learning			Curriculum available	Curriculum available	Curriculum available	Curriculum available	Curriculum available	Curriculum available	Curriculum available

Estimated STUDENTS REACHED as of 2019-2020 school year: **169,400**

Estimated EDUCATORS ENGAGED as of 2019-2020 school year: **40,500**

WHERE WE WORK



Curriculum

We expanded our offering of high-quality, standards-based, digital, project-based learning curriculum.

- **Middle School Science:** Educurious now has a full suite of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade NGSS-aligned full-year science courses. Students, teachers, and administrators from school systems across the nation have provided overwhelmingly positive feedback.
- **Middle School Social Studies:** We completed the development of middle school social studies full-year courses. Content in these courses covers ancient and medieval world history and U.S. history from the American Revolution through the Civil War and Reconstruction. We are in the process of adding text sets to the ancient world history course with corresponding text-dependent close-reading questions.
- **Custom Curriculum:** We are proud to be uniquely positioned to design custom curriculum for our partners. We concluded a project with the National Geographic Society that involved the development of 29 middle school project-based science and social studies units for their Education Resource Library. We also developed a professional learning course for the National Geographic Society. There are plans to develop elementary units and a series of skill-builders to support both the Educurious-developed units and the National Geographic Geo-Inquiry process.
- **Special Projects:** We partnered with Soulphila, a business in the New York/New Jersey area that employs people experiencing homelessness as English speaking tutors for aspiring women business leaders in Portuguese- and Spanish-speaking countries. Our team created hundreds of conversational classes that are being used to support the growth of English Language Learning (ELL) adults who are looking to improve their conversational English skills.

Professional Learning

We expanded our offering of immersive online and in-person professional learning opportunities.

- With funding and support from the Idaho STEM Action Center, Educurious concluded the second cohort for the Idaho STEM Leadership Academy professional development series. Final sessions in the program were conducted online due to COVID-19. Due to the success of these initial two cohorts, Idaho STEM Action Center is seeking funding to support a third cohort.
- All professional learning opportunities are now available in hybrid or online formats. We developed online courses for professional learning including curricular onboarding sessions and sessions to support PBL unit design. These synchronous and asynchronous courses integrate online learning strategies to develop teachers' agility and flexibility across learning environments.

- Educurious developed an online leadership course, *Leading Through Times of Change*, a blend of synchronous and asynchronous learning for school system leaders. This is scheduled for launch in 2021.

Accomplishments

Educurious had an active and exciting year, working collaboratively with schools, districts, partner organizations, and communities to help launch young people into lives of purpose and hope.

- This was Educurious' founding member Jane Chadsey's first full year in her role as CEO. Related to this change in leadership, Educurious went through a process of organizational restructuring to more clearly define roles and pathways for growth. Changes that resulted from the restructuring process included creating new Director, Content Manager, and senior Designer roles. This new structure will streamline the work at Educurious as the organization continues to grow.
- Our work was largely informed in the second half of the year by the global health crisis presented by COVID-19 and the groundswell of the Black Lives Matter movement. These two pandemics inspired several critical pivots in our work. When COVID-19 shook the global community in March, Educurious pivoted to supporting teachers with the immediate need for remote and hybrid learning. We developed a framework for adapting Educurious curriculum to the remote-learning environment and provided related support to our partners. We also migrated all professional learning online, including our annual Summer Institute.
- Shortly after the outbreak of COVID-19, the murder of George Floyd launched a surge of support for the Black community and challenged everyone to consider their role in racial justice and equity. Educurious published a *Statement of Solidarity and Commitment to Anti-Racism* that can be found on our website, and began taking steps to upholding that commitment.
- In conjunction with our pivot to remote learning and commitment to anti-racism, we selected three units to adapt for online instruction that told the story of Black history in the United States from the Transatlantic Slave Trade through Civil War and Reconstruction. We have formed a consortium of educators investing in the professional development needed to implement them successfully. Once they are completed, Educurious intends make these adapted units available as Open Education Resources.

Thank You

To the numerous educators, students, parents, donors, sponsors, partners, staff, and friends who have continued to support the Educurious mission, we offer you our sincerest gratitude. Together, we can help launch all young people to lives of purpose and hope.

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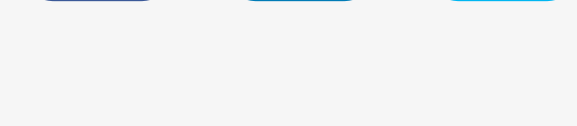
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