



Greetings,

Since you have expressed an interest in STEAM programs, we wanted to let you know about the upcoming Minecraft Summer Challenge and the other [NYC DOE Summer Challenges](#), which change weekly and will run through August 17.

This week's challenge uses **Minecraft Education Edition**, encouraging students to solve real life problems in Minecraft and then share their solutions. Students can work on their challenge project starting **Monday, July 27** through **Friday, July 31**.

For the Minecraft Summer Challenge, students will "Build a Better World" by designing a new way to [provide healthcare for your neighborhood](#) or for NYC and/or to create [the best place ever!!](#) in Minecraft, keeping in mind the needs of the different types of people that will use the space. Find out more on the [Flipgrid](#) (make sure to log in using Microsoft and your child's DOE student account) or [NYC DOE Summer Challenge page](#).

Students have **free** access to Minecraft: Education Edition (M:EE) as long as they use their NYC DOE student account (ends with @nycstudents.net). If your child doesn't know or is using a school google account, you can help them get their account info by going to <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/studentaccounts>. After you have your DOE student account and password, you can go to the [Minecraft Education Edition website](#) to download the software. If you have any questions about accessing Minecraft Education Edition or the Minecraft challenge, please email STEM@schools.nyc.gov and put Minecraft in the subject line.

In addition to the Minecraft Challenge, we've kept the Week 1-Arts Challenge and the Week 2-Bird Watching Challenge open until the end of this month. There are different challenges based on grades so there is something for every student to do.

Also on this same webpage are our virtual field trips. Check out the selections, listed under grade bands and take a virtual field trip (or a few!)