FAQs

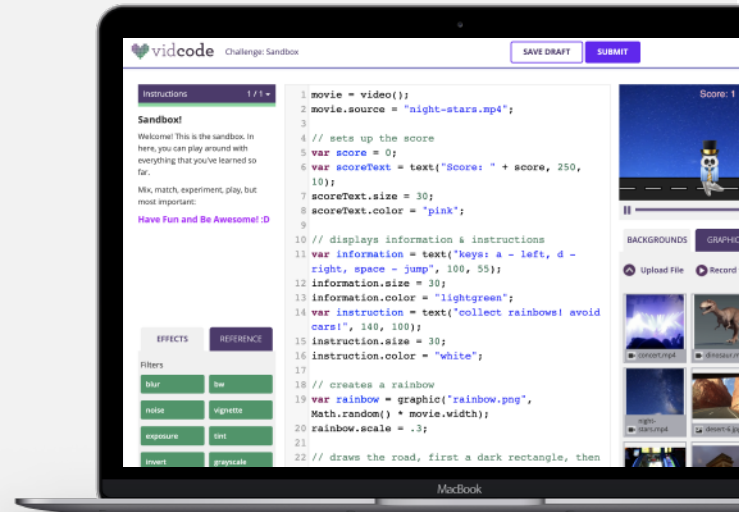## Who is Vidcode?

Vidcode is a social impact company founded by three women - an engineer, an educator, and an artist. We are now a global team that supports schools, libraries, and parents in leveraging our 300+ hours of online coding tutorials.

What is Vidcode?

Vidcode is a coding platform for 3rd grade and up! We provide free curriculum, highly visual coding platform and teacher support. The curricular approach enables students to create video filters, simulations, augmented reality, and other creative projects -- all while learning the fundamentals of computer science & web programming.

So what do students make?

Students code video filters, video games, special effects, celebrity name generators, haunted houses, simulations and more! Check out examples of student work at **vidcode.com/gallery**.

What's included in the program?

Over 300 open-ended, online coding tutorials paired with standards-aligned lesson plans, practices, discussions, assessments and project ideas.

Is Vidcode effective?

Yes! Vidcode is research-backed.

Vidcode is supported by the U.S. Department of Education's Small Business Innovation Research Program (SBIR). We are partnered with WestEd. In our most recent study, Vidcode improved middle school students' comprehension of core computer programming principles after just 10 hours on Vidcode.

What's the programming language taught?

Vidcode teaches K-12 computer science principles through a drag and drop environment that quickly moves into text-based programming with JavaScript.

Can I use Vidcode with other coding programs?

Vidcode has many standalone courses including our cross-disciplinary course, computational media course, intro to programming course. We also offer curriculum that can be integrated into non-coding courses and maker spaces.

Is this student-led?

All of the tutorials are student-led, but there are also tools for educators to lead discussions, presentations and unplugged activities outside of the tutorials.

I don't know how to code, can I use this to start a club at my library?

That's totally fine, no prior knowledge of coding is necessary to use Vidcode! Our educator tools are created for non-technical educators to use to run a coding club.

What kind of program can I offer with Vidcode?

Libraries offer Vidcode as a club, a series of workshops or classes, or offer Vidcode's full self-led coding courses as a database resource for their patrons.

Do I need to download a program to use Vidcode?

No downloads are necessary as the program is accessible through a website.

\What do I need to run Vidcode?

Desktop or laptop, web browser (Chrome recommended), and an internet connection.

Can Vidcode run on a Chromebook?

Yes!

How about a tablet?

Also yes!

Is Vidcode free?

We have 10 hours of free activities available when you create an account. Sign up at **vidcode.com**.

Request a quote for your school or library at **about.vidcode.com/libraries**.

Wait, I still have questions!

No problem, fill out the form at **about.vidcode.com/libraries**, and set up a time to speak with our team!.