Activate Learning is pleased to announce the IQWST California Integrated Edition!
The 12-module middle school curriculum was designed to meet the Integrated Model criteria set forth by the California Department of Education, and has been submitted to the 2018 California Instructional Materials Adoption for Science.

IQWST engages students in scientific practices as they experience, investigate, model, and explain phenomena while learning core ideas and engaging in concepts that cross disciplinary boundaries. Students build understanding by connecting ideas from lesson to lesson, from module to module, and across the middle grades.

Student-centered
- Students’ original questions are at the core of the curriculum, elicited by an anchoring phenomenon on day one or two and throughout each module, setting them on a quest to find answers to authentic questions that motivate learning across time.

Discourse-centered
- Combining small-group and whole-group discussion in every lesson, with talk supported by tools such as a Driving Question Board, a Word Wall, and others, students have multiple opportunities to hear and to use the language of science.
- Talk is used as a way to share ideas, to think together, to problem solve, and to make sense of in-class science, everyday experiences, and the larger world.

Coherent
- Students build understanding through a progression within each grade level and across grade levels, learning critical Disciplinary Core Ideas, Crosscutting Concepts, and Science and Engineering Practices across content areas and grades. Curricular coherence—revising and building on ideas across time—provides students with opportunities to develop, reinforce, and apply their understandings on an ongoing basis throughout their middle school years.