Gifted and Talented teachers have a lot to think about.

Provide a stimulating environment? Check. Champion creativity and original thinking? Check. Encourage students' responsibility for their own learning? Check.

This is all while accommodating for the diverse mix of learners and their different strengths. Bring in new STEAM projects, and there's even more to consider!

Tailored support and resources like ready-made, curriculum-aligned lesson plans can be a real lifesaver in delivering effective STEAM lessons, making a teacher's life that bit easier.

Today, we highlight two stories of Gifted and Talented teachers who have achieved STEAM success with SAM Labs!

Elizabeth Woodward teaches Gifted students in grades 3-6 at Madison Elementary School in Madison City, Alabama, and Bernaye Sigur at Harmony School of Science - a charter school in Harmony, Texas.

They both give SAM Labs lesson plans top marks for teacher support and student engagement:

Bernaye says: "Students are highly engaged when using STEAM and coding. SAM Labs have great resources available and they offer teacher training and support."

Elizabeth says: "I love how the curriculum lessons are so easy to use. My students love the chili pepper challenges at the end."

Here are some of her students coding micro:bits with coordinates using SAM Studio...



Elizabeth's also been impressed by our year-round guidance and technical support:

"SAM labs will provide you support along the way, answer any questions, and have excellent lessons with everything you need included. Their support continues long after you make your purchase. They also stand by their product and happily replace anything that has issues."

And while we're now all back in the classroom, Bernaye shares how flexible our mix of software and physical hardware blocks is when the class can't all be together:

"I like that Sam Labs has both digital and physical blocks. This has been helpful during the pandemic."

We're so happy that SAM Labs is helping Gifted and Talented students maximize their potential in STEAM!

Are you an educator looking for ways to engage students and make STEAM learning as fun and stimulating as possible? Review <u>our solutions</u> or <u>get a free trial</u>. If you're an existing customer and need assistance, visit our <u>Support Center</u>.

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