

DreamSpark – Register your school today!

DreamSpark is a doorway to the future for your students. Students can use the tools that real-world developers use with the FREE download of lots of Microsoft tools for creating exciting projects. Students get professional Microsoft developer, designer, and game development software through DreamSpark at no charge. After your school is signed up, the teacher can order DreamSpark access codes to distribute to students for access to the DreamSpark download center.

High schools (and Middle Schools) must sign-up before students can download software.

Teachers (as well as administrators) may sign up their school. A school must be “verified” in order for its students to download the software. This is an easy process.

To get your school “verified” and order access keys for your students follow these steps:

- Go to <https://www.dreamspark.com/>
- Under the “Administrators” graphic, click on “Get Answers” button
- Click on the “Sign Your School up Now” link
- Click on North America on the world map
- Check “I Agree”
- Click “Continue” button
- Select country
- Click “Continue” button
- Select the number of Access keys you want (200 max – estimate yearly use to save time reordering)
- Click “Order now”
- Complete the form
- Click “continue”

You will receive an email informing you of the verification process and within 2 days you will receive the access codes for your students along with specific management guidelines. After students access DreamSpark and use the key you provide to them to download software, they may need a product key in order to install the software. This is NOT the same as the DreamSpark access code you gave them.

To obtain the installation product key, students must follow the steps below:

- 1) Visit: <https://downloads.channel8.msdn.com/> (Very soon this service will be available through the www.DreamSpark.com site instead of this link. It is in transition.)
- 2) Sign In using your Windows Live Id credentials (hotmail address works).
- 3) Then click on desired product - Visual Studio 2008 or Expression Studio, for example.
- 4) Then check “I have read and agree to the terms of the license agreement.”
- 5) Scroll down and click on “Get Key” button and you will get the key.

Note: In the future, if they need product key, click on “My Download History” located at the top right side of the screen.