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The NMSU Learning Games Lab serves as a research space for media productions faculty and staff to create educational games and interactive media. Media Productions has created educational games for 13 years. Several of these games tackle subjects like science and math concepts; obesity prevention; anti-smoking; and proper food handling and nutrition.

The goal always is to create learning tools that are fun and exciting to use. The success of the Media Productions team in achieving their goal is reflected in the fact that over the years, they have created games for the US Department of Agriculture, the US Forest Service, US Department of Education, Children, Youth and Families at Risk and the New Mexico Department of Health as well as the NMSU Agricultural Extension Services.

Some of the most recent games include:

***Science Pirates — The Curse of Captain Brownbeard*** is an inquiry-based game designed to teach basic science concepts to 12-14 year-olds in informal learning environments. The science content correlates to national science standards, and its process learning approach makes it ideal for expansion into a classroom curriculum and professional development resources. Funded by the USDA, the project reveals the science behind food safety recommendations while presenting science vocabulary and effectively teaching content found on standards-based exams.

***Nutrition Decision*** comprises several engaging games to teach middle school children how to read, comprehend and use nutrition labels to make decisions about eating. [www.nutritiondecision.org](http://www.nutritiondecision.org)

***Eat Move Learn*** is an interactive Web site designed to serve science classrooms as an exploration on energy balance and consumption, and aid youth in taking active roles in preventing adolescent obesity. [www.eatmovelearn.com](http://www.eatmovelearn.com)

***Food Detectives (English and Spanish)*** is a game offering 8-12-year-olds a fun way to learn about food-borne illness. [www.fooddetectives.com](http://www.fooddetectives.com)

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