



Innovation Mentoring

Program Description

OneOrbit's Innovation Mentoring is personalized continuing education for educators, the most effective way of ensuring good educators become great, and great educators remain great. The reasons teachers leave the profession, often after just a few years, are many. Our OneOrbit Innovation Mentoring program is designed so that each participant receives the attention needed and the usable tools required to strive for and achieve their full potential as educators.

Why "Innovation Mentoring"?

We developed Innovation Mentoring to directly address what we see as one of the largest hurdles to **innovation** and **creativity** in education – which is the propensity of teachers to only interact with other teachers within their school. Whatever the cause (scheduling, testing, routine, etc.), education has become an industry which works, far too often, in isolation. OneOrbit Innovation Mentoring is a lens through which we are building a community of innovators throughout the educational community. The most effective way we've discovered to accomplish this bold mission is through one-on-one mentoring.

The Details

Innovation Mentoring includes monthly, direct mentoring sessions alternating with Astronaut Chiao and Master Teacher Jami Sunkel, with each session focusing on a specific strategy and resources for educators to take back into their field of expertise.

Sample Mentoring Topics:

- Enhanced Leadership Strategies
- Operational Decision Making
- Productive Struggling/Overcoming Failures
- Experiential STEM
- Communication/Collaboration
- Drive and Motivation

Ideal Candidates for Innovation Mentoring Have:

- Intrinsic motivation to grow beyond the classroom
- Visionaries who are comfortable sharing ideas and struggles
- Desire to explore possibilities with an openness to new solutions

Ideal Candidates could be:

- Teacher of the Year, and runners up
- Principal, A.P., Dean or Asst. Dean
- 'Rising Star' teachers
- Department chairs

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