

## *The Innovative Teacher*<sup>™</sup>

**I**nnovative teachers prepare students for success by emphasizing 21<sup>st</sup> century skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, creativity, and collaboration. They motivate their students by creating authentic learning experiences that are grounded in core academic content and enhanced through technology.

**The Innovative Teacher** is a professional development model comprised of on-site coaching and off-site teacher institutes, directed at helping educators redesign their instruction, engage their students and improve student outcomes.

# Teaching our Digital Natives

## **On-Site Support**

**W**e provide a three-phase collaborative coaching process.

### **Phase 1: Needs Assessment and Instructional Planning**

Examining desired student outcomes and existing curricula, teacher and consultant develop a problem- or inquiry-based learning experience that allows students to learn and apply academic content and skills to real situations. They also develop alternative assessments designed to capture more complex learning.

### **Phase 2: In-Class Coaching**

Teacher and consultant set individual goals to improve practice in one or more of the following critical areas: instruction, use of new technology, classroom management, and alternative assessment strategies.

### **Phase 3: Reflection and Revision**

Teacher and consultant collaboratively review student work and/or video clips of classroom teaching to assess how change in practice has achieved desired outcomes.

# Teacher Institutes

Complementing the coaching cycle, our **Teacher Institutes** give teachers multiple opportunities to learn and share best practices with their peers and to engage in hands-on learning experiences they can use in their classrooms. Teaching Matters offers a number of institutes that help teachers move toward learner-centered pedagogy supported by new technologies.

## *Innovative Teacher Institutes Include:*

- *Enhancing Research & Classroom Inquiry with Blogs & Wikis*
- *Guiding Classroom Inquiry with Google Docs*
- *Supporting Inquiry, Collaboration & Learning Management with Moodle*
- *Using TrackStar to Organize Inquiry*
- *Encouraging Creativity with Digital Media (Podcasts, Digital Videos)*
- *Creating Performance Assessments to Promote 21st Century Skills*
- *Using SMARTboard for Differentiating Instruction.*

*Customized workshops are available on request.*

# Standards for Student Success

**T**he *Innovative Teacher* addresses student outcomes aligned with the ISTE National Educational Technology Standards (NET•S) and Performance Indicators for Students<sup>1</sup>, defining 21<sup>st</sup> century skills related to:

- Creative and Innovative Communication and Collaboration
- Research and Information Fluency
- Critical Thinking, Problem-Solving and Decision Making
- Digital Citizenship
- Technology Operations and Concepts.

*The Innovative Teacher* is available through the Teaching Matters' Partnership for School Innovation and is also available as a stand-alone professional development program.

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