

# About Ten80 Education

My colleagues and I at Ten80 Education are proud to carry-on, expand and continually improve upon the model that our founders, Beverly Simmons and Jeff Thompson, initiated over 13 years ago.

Beverly Simmons was an award-winning science teacher and part of a dynamic teaching team at a middle school in suburb of Atlanta, GA. The University of Georgia performed a longitudinal study on her team's teaching methods that showed significant success in their innovative methods. Despite her success with students and among colleagues, Ms. Simmons knew she was missing something and therefore her students were missing *out* on something. Ms. Simmons realized that she didn't actually know what to DO with math and science outside of the school setting. She called on anyone who used math and science professionally to join her students and help them find relevance in their lessons and projects. Mr. Jeff Thompson, a mechanical engineer and artist who once taught at Carnegie Mellon University, was one of the local engineers who answered the call.

This first engineer-educator team formed over 13 years ago. Ms. Simmons and Mr. Thompson formalized the engineer-educator team concept and began delivering content-based professional development over 10 years ago. Through this last decade of working with talented educators and students, our team has grown and along the way, compiled a wish list from educators through which a few recurring themes emerged.

- Principals need to increase core conceptual knowledge in faculties.
- Teachers need a way to reinforce early lessons without cutting into this year's curriculum.
- Students need realistic experiences in their math and science classes.

You Spoke. We listened. As you requested solutions, we developed programs and materials to deliver results. A Ten80 Classroom combines dynamic Professional Development with K-12 supplementary curriculum. Our goals...

- Motivate educators and students,
- Create a culture of learning,
- Improve student achievement,
- Help educators meet their objectives in the process.

Educators who work with Ten80 teams or products have seamlessly incorporated Daily, Weekly & Monthly activities into their existing assessment and instructional plans. Because our programs were developed with teachers and students every step of the way, each one actually works in a realistic classroom setting. We're proud of that.

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Simmons/Thompson Then ↑ & Now ↓



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