



The Innovative Teaching Toolbox

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The Basics

Thanks for downloading the Innovative Teaching Toolbox. I'll periodically update this toolbox and all of the links associated with it. Think of this as a place where you can come to again and again when thinking about innovation in education.

The framework and manifesto start things off and then we get to tools you can use as a learner, teacher, and leader.



The Framework

Innovation is a tricky word. It's hard to define and many people have different definitions. The Framework and Manifesto seek to define what innovation in learning is all about, and how we can create an environment where it exists frequently in learning.

- [The Framework for Innovation in the Classroom \(download\)](#)
- [The Intentional Innovation Manifesto \(download\)](#)



The First Chapter of *Learning By Choice*

Did you know the typical student spends 15,000 hours in school between Kindergarten and 12th grade!? If we can't give students choice in their learning path during those hours, then what are we doing with all of that time? Below is the first chapter to my Amazon #1 Bestseller in Education book, *Learning By Choice*. Check out the chapter and let me know your thoughts on choice in education.

- [Download the first chapter of *Learning By Choice*](#)



Complete Guide to 20% Time and Genius Hour in the Classroom (video course)

Almost five years ago I did something crazy with my students. I gave them 20% of their class time to work on their passions and create projects with purpose (just like the engineers do at Google). Since then I've had the pleasure of learning with hundreds of other teachers about 20% time, Genius Hour, and inquiry-based projects. I wrote a book about it (more on that later) but also put together a FREE video course so you could get started with Genius Hour in your classroom.

- [Module 1: Why Students Need Choice](#)
- [Module 2: How to Get Started with Genius Hour](#)
- [Module 3: Navigating the Project's Ups & Downs](#)
- [Module 4: Final Presentations, Grading and Reflections](#)



The Top Articles To Get Your Started Innovating In Your School/Classroom

1. [10 Commandments of Innovative Teaching](#)
2. [5 Things Innovative Schools Do Differently](#)
3. [What Innovation Looks Like at the Elementary School](#)

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4. [Intentional Innovation in Education](#)
 5. [The Research Behind Choice and Inquiry-Based Education](#)



The Books to Kick You Into High Gear

1. [*Inquiry and Innovation in the Classroom \(my first book\)*](#)
2. [*The Innovator's Mindset*](#) by George Couros
3. [*Pure Genius*](#) by Don Wettrick

