

Genius Hour

Strategies to further engage students to excel outside of school

What is Genius Hour?

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Main Elements of Genius Hour

- There can't be a plan...
 - “Success comes when you learn to adapt and innovate”
- It has to be driven by their interests

What is innovation



6 Building Blocks of Innovative Learning

1. Collaboration
2. Task-Oriented: Moving from what if....? to a To-Do list
3. Daring: Being brave enough to risk failure
4. Relevant: Bringing meaning to the student
5. Reflective: Looking back on learning and life
6. Ongoing: Nothing is ever completely finished.

Ideas...

- Introducing their interests or ideas to teachers
- Planning a charity event to raise money for a cause they believe in
- Creating new foods and sharing them
- Creating websites
- Exploring musical interests
- Learning a new language
- Creating video games that will teach others important concepts
- www.vida.vistausd.org/summerfun

How to jumpstart genius hour at home

- Have your child answer the following question:
 - From Amazon: “Jeff Bezos walks into your house and says you have a million dollars to launch your best entrepreneurial idea, what is it?”
 - If you would change one thing you use everyday, what would it be and how would you change it?

Resources

<http://www.livebinders.com/play/play?id=829279>

<https://prezi.com/ku3m-wy7rcen/genius-hour-expectations/>

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