

Mission Bit* empowers and inspires youth with computer programming education and professional experiences.

Mission Bit's program philosophy and methodology is unique within the computer programming education ecosystem. Mission Bit discovers what students want to build and teaches students technologies, frameworks, libraries and processes being used in industry to build similar products.

“What are you interested in building?”

Mission Bit programs are free, out of school, project based, taught by volunteer professional software engineers and tech entrepreneurs, integrated with industry experiences and offer professional advancement opportunities. Mission Bit creates education experiences that are all-inclusive and ethnically and gender diverse. Mission Bit's complementary programs create pathways for 'limited access' students to form connections with technology professionals and learn the skills, processes and technologies used by professional programmers.

Semester Classes, high school & middle school (pilot)

Launched Fall 2013

Classes, aligned with the public school calendar, that meet for two hours twice a week for thirteen weeks.

* 266 students. 37% female, 26% combined latino and african american, representing 14 of 17 SF public high school

Paid Internships, high school

Launched Summer 2014

Paid summer internships in roles at SF tech companies that require computer programming skills and experience.

* 23% spring semester students placed into paid internships

Hacker Lab, high school

Launched Spring 2015

An open hacker space designed to minimize barriers for youth to first learn to code and accelerate the development of high school programmers

In 2015, Mission Bit will increase the individual per student impact of its programs, more efficiently and effectively target 'limited access' students and increase the students per semester participating in Mission Bit programs. We aim to prove the site-based pathway model and prepare for new site launches in 2016. Hiring the right CEO is a key factor for Mission Bit to realize its 2015 goals.

Stevon Cook, Mission Bit CEO (confidential)

Stevon Cook is a third generation San Franciscan, graduate of Thurgood Marshall High School and resident of Bayview Hunter's Point. Stevon is a founding member of the SF Achievers and Co-Chair of the Public Education Enrichment Fund. Stevon has dedicated his professional life helping ensure every student has equal access to a quality education. Stevon possesses the vision, passion, drive and ability to lead Mission Bit and maximize its social impact.

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