

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, equip themselves with the skills and processes and tools 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

To continue increasing the individual per student impact of its programs, more efficiently and effectively target 'limited access' students and increase the number of students Mission Bit works with each semester, Mission Bit plans to hire a CEO to begin in Late Q1 / Early Q2 2015.

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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