

Using Starting Strong: Team Approach

A team works the same path together: **videos projected, modules on each teacher's own device**, everyone planning their own unit side by side.

HOW THIS HELPS YOUR TEAM

- **The modules are the agenda.** Nobody has to build one, and there's no homework before a meeting.
- **Watch together, work on your own device.** Project and discuss the videos as a group; each teacher clicks through the module on their own laptop.
- **"Your Turn" becomes shared planning time.** Teachers plan their own unit side by side and talk through choices as they go.
- **It uses time that already exists**, plus one facilitator who projects and watches the clock — no expertise required.

WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE



Already mid-unit? Start anyway. The team still begins at Module 0 — the early modules move fast when the unit is underway, and the rest lands right where you are.

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SUBJECT How we'll get ready for our first OpenSciEd unit

I have a resource for the science department to use together as you teach your first OpenSciEd unit. We'll do Modules 0-3 in one block before teaching starts, then one module a week in our regular meeting time:

- **Before teaching** — half day together, [date]:
 - Module 0: Getting Started
 - Module 1: Launching Your First Lesson
 - Module 2: Making Sense of the Storyline
 - Module 3: Planning Investigation Lessons
- **Week 1** — Module 4: Supporting Discussions
- **Week 2** — Module 5: Keeping the Pace
- **Weeks 3-4** — Module 6: Assessment and Grading
- **Week 5** — Closing: what we keep, what we change

One facilitator per session — not the expert, just projecting and keeping us moving. [Name] starts us off; after that we can rotate. If a week gets eaten by testing, we'll move the session rather than skip it.

To get started: bring your laptop and the unit you're teaching first to our [date] block — nothing to prepare. The path lives at opensci.ed.org/professional-learning/self-guided-paths. We'll watch the videos together on the screen; you'll work the module, and your own copy of the Planning Workbook, on your device.