

THE 360 MONTHLY CONNECTION

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A CONVERSATION BETWEEN TWO MATH EDUCATORS

In this thought-provoking conversation, Nicole sits down with Dr. Adrian Mims, founder and CEO of The Calculus Project, to unpack what meaningful, equity-driven math instruction should look like - and why it matters now more than ever.

In this 10-minute snippet, they share their reflections to the question, "What should we be putting in front of kids in math classrooms to prepare them for the real world?"

Click the microphone to listen to the audio clip and join us as we explore how to make math relevant, empowering, and truly real-world ready for every student.



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THINK BEFORE YOU ADD

Too often, students are quick to calculate—jumping into procedures before fully understanding the problem. In tutoring last month, Taryn gave her students building blocks: pieces of context, numbers, and scenarios. Their task? Build the problem first.

The shift was immediate.

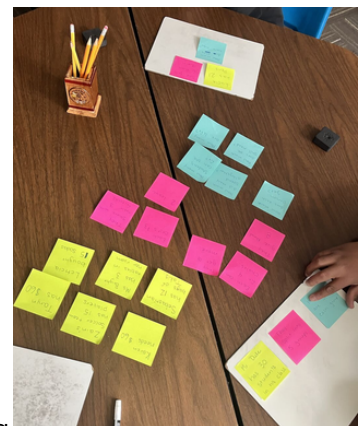
💡 Students spent more time understanding the situations they were creating than on the actual calculations.

🤔 They checked whether their scenarios made sense before diving into numbers. ("Wait... she can't share tables!")

🔄 They revised. Students picked blocks, read their drafts, swapped parts out, and tried again.

By the end, every student had created a solvable problem, confirmed its viability, and developed a path forward—all on their own. No templates. No examples. Just sense-making, revision, and strategy.

This wasn't about speeding through math—it was about thinking like mathematicians. And that's exactly what they did.



**BOOK A FREE CONSULTATION AND LEARN MORE
ABOUT OUR SERVICES TO ENHANCE TEACHING AND
LEARNING ON YOUR CAMPUS**

◆ During your most hectic time of the year, Education360's **Campus School-Year Launch Support** stands in the gap by providing targeted, on-the-ground coaching and collaborative planning that helps teachers establish strong routines, deliver standards-aligned instruction, and foster academic language from week one.

◆ Math opportunity gaps persist across the country, especially for students who have been historically marginalized. Education360 provides **Math Curriculum and Implementation Support** that helps schools improve math instruction and learning by providing coaching, PD, and curriculum support that makes instruction rigorous, relevant, and accessible.

**CAMPUS SCHOOL-YEAR
LAUNCH SUPPORT**

Set the foundation for a successful school year

8-WEEK PLAN

Goals

- Routines & procedures
- Design and deliver standards-aligned instruction
- Student discourse and use of academic language

**Math Curriculum
and Instruction
Support**

- Professional development
- Instructional coaching
- Learning walks feedback
- Curriculum implementation support
- Making math relevant
- Increasing access to rigorous math learning

**GUIDING THE NEXT
GENERATION OF COACHES**

For the second year in a row, Nicole served as a Lead Coach for Gwinnett County Public Schools' Coach Endorsement program—supporting a cohort of educators as they developed their skills to become certified instructional coaches.

Throughout the year, she modeled what great coaching looks like: listening with intention, offering feedback grounded in evidence, and challenging educators to think more deeply and lead with clarity. One candidate shared, "She pushed me to reach my full potential," while another noted, "Her recommendations made me feel supported and challenged in the best way."

Nicole's steady support helped build not just skills, but confidence and community. We're incredibly proud of the coaches she supported and the difference they are already making in their schools.



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