



1:1 Coaching: Distance Learning

Overview

Distance learning is a significant shift—for students, teachers, and schools alike. Whether distance learning is virtual or low-tech, adopted rapidly in a moment of crisis or part of a long-term plan to supplement in-school learning, educators need personalized, job-embedded support. This includes skills like developing organizational tools and systems, designing rigorous asynchronous learning, creating opportunities for student voice and collaboration, and assessing progress.

With 1:1 Coaching, BetterLesson can provide personalized support to educators, adapting to each one’s level of comfort with distance learning. BetterLesson coaches use the Try-Measure-Learn method, where they guide participants to narrow their focus, try a few new strategies, and reflect on their progress.

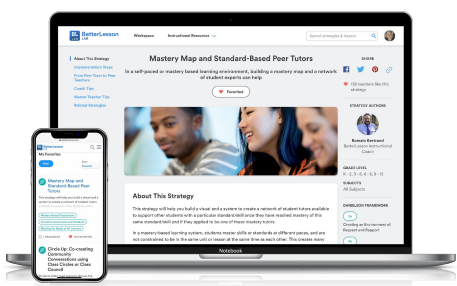
Who is 1:1 Coaching on Distance Learning for?

1:1 Coaching supports teachers, coaches, and administrators with the challenges of setting up and refining distance learning opportunities. This coaching is not specific to any particular tech tool, but rather focuses on fundamental pedagogical and leadership principles. Coaching is a space for identifying challenges, brainstorming solutions, and creating a plan of actionable next steps. Every experience is unique, but generally:

- **Teachers** may focus on topics such as instructional design or setting up systems, tools, and culture within the distance learning course.
- **School and district leaders** may focus on adapting their vision for teaching and learning, addressing logistical questions, and managing change.

How Does it Work?

- **Time:** Participants choose when to meet with their BetterLesson coach for biweekly 30 minute sessions, using a video conference platform.
- **Coaches:** BetterLesson coaches are highly-effective, experienced educators with training in student-centered instruction, distance learning, and adult pedagogy. Each coach is carefully matched with each participant’s needs.
- **Lab:** Participants also receive access to the BetterLesson Lab: an online platform where they and their coach can document their goals, track progress, and search among thousands of high-quality blended and distance learning lesson plans, instructional strategies, and videos.



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We partner with education organizations to reimagine professional learning, build teacher and leader capacity, and improve outcomes for all students.



“When I meet with teachers during our teleconferences, they constantly share strategies and resources they learned from their BetterLesson coaches. Thank you so much for your support.”

-District Leader, Watervliet, NY

Teacher and Leader Outcomes

Essential Skills

Coaching builds understanding, ownership, and opportunities to apply key skills like:



Mindset: Educators believe that distance learning can be meaningful and based in student ownership.



Equity: Educators can design distance learning so that all students get the support and access they need.



Student-Centered: Educators can design distance learning to put students' voices, ideas, and ownership at the center.



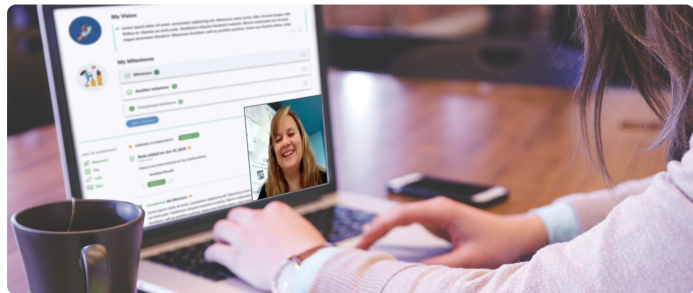
Organization: Educators create distance learning courses with easy, consistent organization systems that students grasp.



Experimentality: Educators know how to collect data about students' experiences and make changes to improve over time.



Leading through Change: Leaders can manage the change involved with distance learning through distributed leadership, assessing progress, and narrowing their focus.



Sample Learning Topics

1:1 Coaching is inherently personalized based on each participant's needs. Some example topics that coaches and participants might address include:

- Setting up norms and routines for distance culture
- Organizing materials for easy access
- Communication systems with students
- Designing tasks for collaboration
- Creating opportunities for self-assessment and reflection
- Helping coaches and leaders build supports for teachers
- Supporting leaders to assess progress over time