

BRING SPACE TO YOUR MIDDLE SCHOOL CTE CLASSROOM

The Virginia Space Grant Consortium in partnership with Old Dominion University is offering a NASA-sponsored, space-themed middle grades Career and Technical Education (CTE) professional development program. Here is what you need to know about the program and how to apply:

- Open to middle school CTE teachers from across Virginia.
- Must be U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents.
- \$2,000 stipend plus a \$500 mini grant for classroom materials.
- Required participation in immersive two-week residential space-themed professional development institute held in Hampton, Virginia (80 hours) July 13-24, 2026. Lodging and meals provided for out of area teachers.
- Required participation in 16 hours of professional development sessions during the academic year, virtual with one in-person day.
- Engaging activities, lessons, plans, tours, and speakers based on aerospace applications and aligned with CTE competencies.
- One-day tour at NASA Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia.
- One-day trip to NASA Wallops Flight Facility and Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport on Virginia's Eastern Shore.



- Participants develop an implementation plan for integrating space-themed activities into their curriculum.
 - For each participating teacher, a school or system administrator and counselor from the participants' school will be required to participate in a full day session on the first day and a half day the last day. Participation for administrators and counselors can be in-person or virtual. They are also invited to participate in NASA tours.
- Applications will be accepted through February 15 with selections made March 1. Fifteen applicants will be selected statewide.

You can apply at:

<https://tinyurl.com/BringingSpaceToMiddleSchoolCTE>

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