

RAJ SHAH

BIO

Raj Shah, PH.D., realized during his career as a Sr. Engineer that the U.S. was failing to develop the most talented scientists and engineers. He believes that if our education system continues to fail then the economic future will be very dim. As a parent, his love of math, teaching and the desire to change this disturbing lack of qualified U.S. Scientist, he set out to start an academic enrichment company that served elementary and middle school students. A place where kids could see how much fun math could be, and learn logic and problem solving skills at the same time.

Shah can remember being fascinated with math and problem solving at a very young age. He had a knack for simplifying concepts and teaching them to others. His teaching began in high school with tutoring his friends and continued through to his undergraduate degree in Physics. He began teaching first year physics courses to undergraduates during his Ph.D. where he received several student teaching awards.

While working 9 years at Intel Corporations as a Sr. Engineer, he realized he was only interviewing Ph.D. level candidates from India or China, never an American. Three years ago, Shah started Math Plus Academy, a math enrichment company that served elementary and middle school students. Math Plus Academy immerses students in interesting math problems, which allow them to learn to THINK, ASK MEANINGFUL QUESTIONS and SOLVE PROBLEMS.

Shah currently oversees all curricula at Math Plus Academy and is committed to helping students comprehend a variety of subjects and activities. He reaches out to other proactive parents and organizations that wish to see their children succeed. In addition to working with the students at Math Plus Academy, he writes educational blogs, conducts seminars and lectures throughout Columbus for parents and teachers on subjects related to understand and teaching math better.

"I firmly believe that the great thinkers and doers of tomorrow will require a strong foundation in logic, reasoning and problem solving. The best way I know how to develop these skills is through mathematics...if we can empower kids with these skills and help them discover their passion, then the sky is the limit for what they can achieve and do! Math Plus Academy's mission is to Inspire Kids to Do Great Things."

- Raj Shah, Ph.D., Founder of Math Plus Academy