• Don’t be afraid to learn to solve the cube along with your students!
• Groups of up to 5 students work best.
• Plan 15 – 30 minute sessions. Most lessons will take more than one session for students to become proficient.
• Encourage perseverance and patience throughout the process. Learning to solve the cube is a good model for learning in general. You break the task into small parts, practice, build on prior knowledge, and review.
• Spend time on Lesson 1. Make sure students have mastered the parts of the cube before moving on, especially the role of the center piece and the names of the turns.
• Stress that the way students hold or orient the cube is extremely important. Know what the UP face is supposed to be at each stage and make sure it stays the UP face.
• Practice each stage many times before moving on to the next stage. Use the Solution Check List to monitor progress and provide a sense of accomplishment.
• To help manage supplies, consider placing a cube and a solution guide in a numbered zip lock bag. Use the Sign Out Sheet to keep track of the cubes.
• To keep track of which cubes belong with your educator’s kit, cubes can be identified by this logo: