

This playlist presents a variety of curated resources aligned to the learning progression and designed to build your knowledge and skills.

Personalized Learning Playlist

Competency Statement: Teachers will apply the principles of personalized learning in order to transform the learning environment, instructional practices, and assessment methods, ultimately co-constructing the learning experience with learners.

These performance indicators define the core knowledge, skills, and dispositions required to build competency.

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These performance levels are mapped to where you self-assessed on the learning progression. Use the results of your self-assessment to pick resources that help you advance to the next performance level.

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What is Personalized Learning?

A video produced in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction illustrates the core concepts of personalized learning and the Institute's model.

Source: Institute for Personalized Learning

What Personalized Learning Is Not

EdSurge article clears up some common misconceptions by describing what personalized learning is not.

Source: EdSurge

Students at the Center: Empowering Students to Find Their Own Way

Book chapter describes what personalized learning is and the dispositions necessary to bring this model of schooling to life—the Habits of Mind. Shows how the fusion of the two provides a framework for creating learning spaces in which students thoughtfully solve problems and invent their own ideas.

Source: ASCD

Personalized vs. Differentiated vs. Individualized Learning

Article describes the difference between differentiated, individualized, and personalized learning and how technology can facilitate each of these instructional approaches.

Source: ISTE

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Teachers at Work: Six Exemplars of Everyday Practice

This paper, part of a series designed to foster a deeper understanding of one or more core elements of student-centered approaches to learning, features six exemplars of everyday practice.

Source: Jobs for the Future

Next State Of Learning: Wisconsin

Video poses the question, "What if school became a different place?" and shows how educators in Wisconsin are preparing students for their future.

Source: The Council of Chief State School Officers

Institute for Personalized Learning Interactive Honeycomb

An interactive model illustrating the change needed in three areas and in three phases to implement personalized learning: learning and teaching; relationships and roles; and structures and policies to facilitate schools' implementation of personalized learning.

Source: Institute for Personalized Learning

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Key Teaching and Learning Shifts for Personalized Learning Preparing for Success

Video focuses on the key teaching and learning shifts that occur in successful personalized learning settings and how these shifts can help improve students' college and career readiness.

Source: AmYouthPolicyForum

Educator Competencies for Personalized, Learner-Centered Teaching

Web report provides an overview of the educator competencies critical in creating effective personalized, learner-centered environments.

Source: Jobs for the Future and Council of Chief State School Officers

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Teaching and Learning Approaches Chart

Chart providing a comparison between the different instructional approaches - Whole class, Differentiation, Individualization, and Personalization.

Source: Rethinking Learning

Habits of Mind Chart

Chart illustrating and defining the 16 the Habits of Mind which are dispositions that empower creative and critical thinking.

Source: The Institute for Habits of Mind

The Future of Learning: Redefining Readiness from the Inside Out

Paper explores a new foundation for readiness which may help people navigate new employment landscapes. Sample scenarios illustrate different ways in which two critical uncertainties could affect readiness by 2040.

Source: KnowledgeWorks

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Student-Centered Learning: Building Agency and Engagement

Video provides a peek inside a high school where teachers act as facilitators and students are directors of their own learning.

Source: Edutopia

The New Pedagogy: Students and Teachers as Learning Partners

Describes the push-pull state of current education and proposes possible responses consisting of the integration of three components: deep learning goals, new pedagogies, and technology.

Source: The Center for Development & Learning

A Working Definition of Personalized Learning

An infographic providing a working definition of personalized learning intended to serve as a tool to help educators design student-centered instructional models.

Source: Melinda Gates Foundation

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Learning Personalized (explore the Reimagining with PL tab)

Web site providing a wealth of information on how to personalize learning by reimagining instructional time and space, curriculum, assignment, feedback, etc.
Source: Learning Personalized

Personalized Learning Teaching Practices (explore the orange hexagons on the IPL Interactive Honeycomb)

An interactive model illustrating change needed in three areas and in three phases: learning and teaching; relationships and roles; and structures and policies to facilitate schools' implementation of personalized learning.
Source: Institute for Personalized Learning

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Video offering a perspective on the paradigm shifts needed as we shift toward personalized learning.
Source: Education Rethink

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A Step-by-Step Guide to Personalize Learning

Six-step approach on how to create a personalized learning classroom environment where each learner has voice and choice. Authors present the process needed for its successful implementation.
Source: Barbara Bray and Kathleen McClaskey

Personalized Learning Plans and Learner Profiles

Examples of PLPs from schools and districts around the country illustrating how each organization utilize these tools and the data they want to include.
Source: Next Generation Learning Challenges

Students as Users, Designers, and Co-creators of Learning

This edition of Friday Focus: Practitioner's Guide to Next Gen Learning takes another look at the School Design Institutes (SDIs) to learn more about the student-centered learning component of the SDIs.
Source: Next Generation Learning Challenges

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Leap Learning Framework for Personalized Learning: Research Snapshot 2017

Report reviews highlights from more than 600 recent research studies focused on elements of personalized learning.
Source: Leap Innovations

What's School without Grade Levels?

Article highlights one district's drive to teach competencies by eliminating age-based classrooms.
Source: The Hechinger Report

A Reflective Approach to Personalize Learning

Article encourages educators to utilize the reflection guide to increase understanding of personalized learning and recognize components of the personalized learning model they already implement.
Source: Learning Personalized

Create Personalized Learning Plans for Every Student

Guide to ten actionable steps to help instructional leaders build effective PLPs at the school or district level.
Source: Edmentum

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A Day in the Life at AltSchool

Three videos allow viewers to see what a typical day at AltSchool looks like through the eyes of students ages 6, 9, 11, and 13.

Source: AltSchool

Getting Better through Authentic Feedback

Video on how to use focus groups to gather student feedback.

Source: Teaching Channel

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Formative Assessment To Initiate Personalized Learning

An overview how educators can have a genuine and comprehensive understanding of their students in order to guide personalized learning experiences.
Source: Getting Smart

Using Assessment to Create Student-Centered Learning

Article discusses how assessment can be used to create a more student-centered classroom.
Source: Edutopia

Chapter: Why Student-Engaged Assessment Matters

In this introductory chapter to the book, Leaders of Their Own Learning, Ron Berger and co-authors make the case for student-engaged assessment and highlight powerful practices in support of student-owned assessment.
Source: EL Education

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Video Playlist: Authentic Assessments

Videos developed as part of an online professional development toolkit called Success at the Core, show students as active partners in the assessment process and teachers making real-time decisions based on assessment data.
Source: Teaching Channel

Quality Performance Assessment Learner-Designed Assessment Template

This template can be used by learners in designing their own learning and assessment plan.
Source: Center for Collaborative Education

When Students Design the Assessment, Everyone Wins

An educator discusses what happened when she put students in control of reshaping the design and the assessments of the unit on Shakespeare.
Source: Edweek

What Happens When Students Design Their Own Assessments?

The article discusses the Assessment for Learning project and its goal of understanding how student-led assessment can support a move toward personalized, student-centered, competency-based learning. Initial implementation results are highlighted.
Source: Edweek

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The Shifting Paradigm of Teaching: Personalized Learning According to Teachers

KnowledgeWorks and NCTAF interviewed teachers, instructional coaches, and principals who lead personalized learning implementation in their communities across the country to understand how classroom practice aligns to district and state personalized learning policies.
Source: Knowledge Works

A Decade On: Lindsay Unified's Personalized Learning Journey

Article describes how Lindsay Unified School District transformed learning by adopting a performance-based system and sustained these change over time.
Source: Next Generation Learning Challenges

Innovating School: A Denver High School's Journey Toward's Personalized Learning

Article highlighting one Denver school's journey towards personalized learning.
Source: Denver School of Innovation and Sustainable Design

10 Principles for Building a High-Quality System of Assessments

Article describes multipurposes for assessments and ten principles for building a system of high-quality assessments.
Source: Deeper Learning 4 All

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Learner Profiles

Video produced in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction provides an overview of the core components of personalized learning, Learner Profiles, featuring Institute, teacher and student perspectives.

Source: Institute for Personalized Learning

The First 20 Days of Personalized Learning

A tool for all teachers implementing personalized learning. (Free download, but you will need to provide your email.)

Source: Education Elements

Making Learning Customized & Personalized

Teaching Channel video on making learning personalized and customized using a workshop model.

Source: Teaching Channel

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5 Key Shifts In Thinking And Practice For Educators In A Personalized Learning Environment

Article describes five key shifts that must occur in order to move from a teacher-facing view towards a more student-facing view for a more personalized environment.

Source: Institute for Personalized Learning

Getting to Know You: Learner Profiles for Personalization

This edition of Next Generation Learning Challenges Practitioner's Guide to Next Gen Learning focuses on the importance of 'knowing' and its role in personalizing teaching and learning.

Source: Next Generation Learning Challenges

Making Feedback Meaningful: Ways to Personalize Feedback for Each Student

Teacher development video from the Teaching Channel discussing how to make student feedback personal and meaningful.

Source: Teaching Channel

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Personalized Learning Plans and Learner Profiles

Article provides an overview of learner profiles and personalized learning plans and provides examples currently in use at three schools.

Source: Next Generation Learning Challenges

The Art of Reflection

Web blog post discusses how teachers can deepen students' connection to content through the regular use of portfolios to reflect on their learning process.

Source: Edutopia

Personalized Learning Models for Secondary Schools

Infographic presents three instructional models that can be implemented to personalize learning in secondary schools. (Free download, but you will need to provide your email.)

Source: Education Elements

Personalized Learning Instructional Models for Elementary Schools

Infographic presents three instructional models that can help elementary schools to reimagine personalize learning. (Free download, but you will need to provide your email.)

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Student Profile: A Personalized Experience

Video profiling a student personalized learning experience through the process of goal setting, planning, and persisting.

Source: Teaching Channel

If You Do Any of These 4 Activities in Your Classroom, You're Already Personalizing Learning

Article provides examples of learning activities teachers may already doing with their students without realizing they are engaging in personalizing learning experiences.

Source: EdSurge

Vermont Personalized Learning Plan Conceptual Framework Narrative for Students

Student-facing overview of how to create a personalized learning plan.

Source: Vermont Department of Education

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Innovation, Empowerment and Positive Change in San Diego Schools

Overview of innovative schools in the San Diego area featuring blended, project-based learning at the core of learning with a focus on personalizing instruction for students.
Source: Getting Smart

Why Flexible Learning Environments?

An overview the Singapore American Schools' journey towards transforming to their schools into flexible learning environments to facilitate more personalized learning environments.
Source: Getting Smart

InspirED Projects and Activities

Searchable tool to find projects and activities that empower students to work together to foster social and emotional well-being in school and in their communities.
Source: InspirED

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A Year of Personalized Learning: Mistakes, Moving Furniture and Making it Work

A description of a large San Diego district's small victories and growing pains when implementing a innovative personalized learning program.

Source: The Hechinger Report

8 Things to Look For in a Student-Centered Learning Environment

Article describes the eight critical things present in a student-centered learning environment. Includes a useful infographic which can serve as a checklist.

Source: Getting Smart

Student-Centered Learning: Building Agency and Engagement

Video provides a peek inside a high school where teachers act as facilitators and students are directors of their own learning.

Source: Edutopia

Development of Ownership: From Compliance to Autonomy

Article and infographic describing the four phases of how learners move from Compliance to Autonomy to build the self-confidence they need to own and drive the learning.

Source: Rethinking Learning

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Spectrum of Voice: Developing Self-Regulation, Autonomy, and Agency

The graphics and content in this blog post adapt the information in the Toshalis and Nakkula's Toolkit to address student voice and the spectrum as it pertains to how students express themselves and demonstrate what they know.

Source: Rethinking Learning

A Student's Perspective: Some Truths About Real-World Learning

A student at Da Vinci Extension School shares her experience in the innovative learning environment at Da Vinci Schools where students are given a voice and student agency is encouraged.

Source: Next Generation Learning Challenges

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