




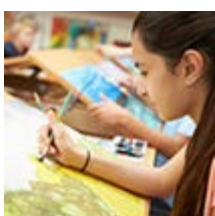
"Personalized Learning" Can Help Rural Schools Address Their Unique Needs and Challenges

To prepare all students for college and a career, many schools and districts nationwide have turned to "personalized learning," a student-centered approach that tailors instruction to students' unique strengths and needs while engaging them in challenging, standards-based academic content. Largely an urban phenomenon, personalized learning can also address the unique challenges facing rural schools, and a new publication released by Future Ready Schools® (FRS) offers them a step-by-step guide for how to do so.

Released in partnership with AASA, the School Superintendents Association, and the National Rural Education Association, the guidebook uses the FRS research-based framework and five-step planning process to help rural schools move to a personalized learning model.

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I Think I Can't: Lack of Confidence in Math Keeps Girls Out of Lucrative STEM Careers

The rate at which women enroll in four-year colleges and complete bachelor's degrees continues to outpace the rate for men. In fact, by 2025 women will represent nearly 60 percent of all university students. Yet despite their growing numbers on college campuses, women remain a small minority among students majoring in physical, engineering, mathematics, and computer (PEMC) sciences.

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Under Trump and DeVos, Could Time Be Right to Update the Nation's Career and Technical Education Law?

The Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Educational Improvement Act (Perkins), is the nation's largest federal investment in secondary and postsecondary career and technical education (CTE), but the law hasn't been updated in over ten years. How are students supposed to get access to high-quality educational programs that prepare them for the jobs of today and tomorrow with a law more than a decade old?



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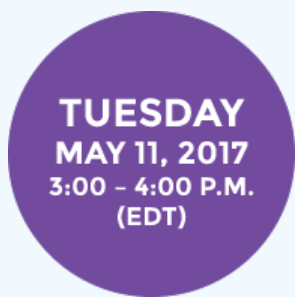
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Join the Senate Career and Technical Education (CTE) Caucus, in conjunction with the Alliance for Excellent Education, for a briefing highlighting innovative approaches across the country to college and career pathways that have led to positive outcomes for traditionally underserved students.

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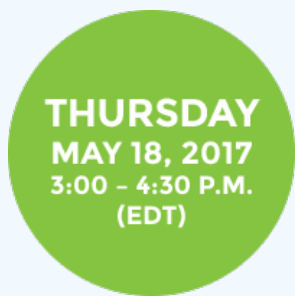
Creating a Culture of High Expectations and Improvement for Students, Teachers, and Leaders



The webinar will explore the cultural shift in Asbury Park School District in New Jersey, which has become one of the most innovative districts in New Jersey. Its graduation rate has improved by 24 percentage points; less than 10 percent of students now drop out of school, compared with almost half previously; and teachers and leaders report a high level of collaboration, communication, and engagement with the district improvement process.

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Global Lessons for America's High Schools



Join the Alliance for Excellent Education and America Achieves for a webinar on how high schools are using global best practices to change classroom instruction and improve student outcomes. Panelists will discuss specific instructional practices and strategies highlighted in a new report by Policy Studies Associates (PSA), including communication strategies at the district and school levels, using data to drive improvement, engaging students through technology and real-life connections, and differentiating instruction to address differences in students'

needs.

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In Case You Missed It



Future Ready Librarians: Leading Beyond the Library

This Future Ready Librarians webinar identified specific ways that librarians can lead, teach, and support personalized student learning and extend their leadership beyond their libraries to benefit their schools and district.

Watch the Webinar

Action Academy

Earn the Alliance's New Personalized Learning Badge

The Alliance has prepared a new personalized learning "badge" for its Action Academy—an online learning community of education advocates.

[Login to your Action Academy account](#) or [create a new account](#) if you don't already have one to earn points and badges while expanding your knowledge on the most pressing issues in education and communicating with others who share your interests in education reform. If you're unfamiliar with the Action Academy, visit the ["Getting Started" page](#) to learn more.



What is personalized learning?

Personalized learning tailors instruction to students' unique strengths and needs while engaging them in challenging, standards-based academic content. This student-centered approach to teaching and learning helps all students—including those from low-income families and those of color who traditionally have been underserved—develop the knowledge, skills, and abilities that will prepare them for college, a career, and life.

Earn Your Personalized Learning Badge

After you've earned your personalized learning badge, visit the Alliance's [personalized learning issue page](#) to watch additional videos and read school and district profiles about personalized learning in action.

Alliance in the News

Equity in ESSA State Plans

As states take ownership of newfound flexibility in the Every Student Succeeds Act, Phillip Lovell, vice president of policy development and government relations at the Alliance, cautioned that details matter, and they don't always add up to the equity vision that most states have. *The 74* has more on why ESSA "guardrails" may not protect the most vulnerable students.

Read the Article

Personalized Learning in Rural Districts

E-rate and Lifeline are vital to help rural districts move forward in technology implementation, said Allen Pratt, executive director of the National Rural Education Association. The new Future Ready Schools guidebook on personalized learning in rural districts provides instruction on how to take advantage of these Federal Communications Commission programs.

Read more in *Education Week*

Access to Deeper Learning

Many low-income students don't get the deeper experiences needed for careers and postsecondary education, says Stephanie Wood-Garnett, vice president of policy-to-practice at the Alliance, in *District Administration*. Deeper learning advocates are working to change this.

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