

ABOUT PERSONALIZED LEARNING

Today, more than ever, schools and districts face greater demands to prepare students for college and a career. Yet many students—especially students of color and students from low-income families--do not receive the necessary support to achieve at high levels and succeed after high school.

Personalized learning directly addresses these concerns by tailoring 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.

Under a personalized learning approach, teachers, school staff, and, as appropriate, other adults

- develop caring and trusting relationships with their students, who, because of these relationships, are more engaged in their education and put more effort into their school work;
- connect the curriculum to students' interests, strengths, and aspirations;
- provide students with tools to monitor their progress in mastering critical knowledge and skills, enabling them to take greater ownership of their learning;
- provide students with targeted instruction, practice, and support in areas where they are struggling, while ensuring they learn challenging academic content and skills;
- create more flexible learning environments, incorporating multiple instructional approaches and the effective use of technology; and
- connect learning to real-world applications.