

Guide to Personalized Learning Experiences

Eight Strategies to Implement Personalized Learning Experiences

5. Establish Simple Guiding Principles

Giving students freedom to make their own decisions isn't without its pitfalls. Some may feel uncomfortable with autonomy and could make a poor decision in the process. Rather than giving them complete freedom, providing guiding principles can offer direction without quashing independence. These principles are based on values and skills rather than behaviors. Simplifying guidelines communicates trust and encourages responsibility.

METHODS

Eliminate detailed rules that communicate distrust to learners.

Establish core values to guide learners, teachers and leaders every day.

Imbue values in every part of experience like space, curriculum and how you communicate with students.

LAUNCH PAD: TRY THESE PERSONALIZED LEARNING ACTIVITIES

TODAY

Build Agreement and a Collective Vision

Invite the school community of leaders, teachers, students and parents to come together to establish guiding principles for the building or district.

Create a Culture of Accountability

Encourage everyone involved to hold each other accountable to living by the guiding principles.

Communicate with Parents and Community

Share these principles with parents and community members so they understand behavior expectations for students.

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