

Personalized Learning Interim Study

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What is Personalized Learning?

Personalized learning is tailoring learning to meet each student's unique strengths, needs, interests, and goals. This includes enabling student voice and choice in what, when, and how they learn to provide flexibility and supports to ensure mastery of the highest standards possible.

Personalized learning is an alternative to the so-called “one-size-fits-all” approach to schooling.

Technology- the flashy part of PL

Most schools use a learning management system (LMS) to provide personalized learning. Common LMS used in Oklahoma include:

- Odysseyware
- Edmentum
- Spark
- Summit Personalized Learning Platform

The LMS platforms are not synonymous with personalized learning. They are tools to enable personalized learning.

Challenges Implementing PL

- **Teacher challenge:** Paradigm shift from “sage on the stage” to “facilitator of learning”
- **Community Challenge:** Fundamental change in education is particularly difficult given our shared experience: “We’re all education experts because we all went to school.”
- **Student Challenge:** Student freedom can be empowering but it can also cause problems.
- **Funding:** This isn’t typically a challenge but it gets a lot of attention. Yes, there are some technology costs associated with PL but these aren’t typically huge. Some might consider PL to save costs and that’s also wrong.

Questions?

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