PERSONALIZED LEARNING

Have it your way! Students will be motivated and engaged with an a la carte learning plan made just for them.

Ingredients

1 DIGITAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT WITH RICH MULTI-MEDIA CAPABILITIES • 1 CLASSROOM OF DIVERSE LEARNERS
1 DEDICATED TEACHER • 3 HEAPING TABLESPOONS OF STUDENT CHOICE

Directions

1. Put students at the center by letting them choose how they learn and how they demonstrate what they’ve learned. Rather than requiring all students to submit written assignments, give them the option to submit a video, drawing, song or other evidence of acumen.

2. Use a big question or exit slips to gauge student understanding either before or after a lesson to ensure you address specific learning needs. Online surveys and polls are ideal for delivering and tracking these activities.

3. Identify students who are struggling to meet learning objectives and assign them activities for reinforcement. Consider an LMS equipped with a recommendation engine that can automate most of this process, with the teacher approving all recommended activities.

4. Create Individualized Learning Plans (ILP’s) to help students define their goals, track personal growth, and improve learning outcomes. Plans can include skills, goals, task tracking, reflections, and mentor feedback and encourage self-exploration and self-management.

5. Encourage students to create rather than just consume by empowering them to develop portions of a lesson, surveys, or even a test. Let them use e-portfolios and blogs to reflect, take ownership and foster a lifelong love of creative learning.

6. Introduce students to productivity tools, like a digital dashboard that displays student tasks, assignments and due dates to keep them on track. Personalize their tools to further encourage self-managed learning.

7. Encourage peer-to-peer assessment. Students can use discussion boards to evaluate each other’s work based on a set of pre-defined criteria. This practice can help students gain a broader understanding of concepts and fosters a supportive learning environment.