

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.

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