

High School Redesign

Personalization



This video is one of a series that presents the foundational principles of high school redesign in action. The schools showcased in these videos have been focused on redesign for three or more years and each video represents one way of implementing a foundational principle. It is important to keep in mind that there can be many ways to implement each principle.

As you view this series of videos, consider what you would want each foundational principle to look like in your school in one year? In two years? In five years? What would you want students to say about how personalization impacted their success in school?

“Changing from standing in front of a student and standing in front of a classroom to sitting beside them and helping them and making that journey together.”

Key Understandings

Personalization ensures that each and every student has learning experiences and supports based upon their individual strengths, interests and needs.

Personalization puts students at the centre of their learning, and creates opportunities for them to manage and take more ownership of their own learning.

Personalization happens through differentiated instructional practices and is informed by ongoing and multiple forms of assessment.

Research identifies flexible schedules and use of time as key enablers for personalized learning.

Technology offers tools and supports to enable personalized learning. Technology can level the playing field by removing barriers to learning.

A personalized approach to learning shifts the role of the teacher from disseminator of information to facilitator of learning. Teachers become learners and learners become teachers.

Personalized learning relies on an abundance of resources and opportunities being available to make learning experiences engaging, meaningful and personal.

A personalized approach to learning creates engaged students who have truly learned how to learn.

Conversation starters

In what way does this video affirm or challenge your understanding of the importance of personalization?

What do you believe is the biggest mind shift in moving to a culture of personalized learning?

What strategies are in place to support personalized learning in your school? What more needs to be done to support this approach?

How would you go about gathering evidence of personalized learning in your school?

How does a focus on personalization support the statement “we want them to feel good about themselves knowing that coming to school every day is going to give them the opportunity to succeed in life.”?

How does technology support personalized learning in your school? What challenges and opportunities do you see in using technology to more effectively support?

“It’s personalized to their interest and to their skill level.”

Related Resources

Alberta Regional Consortia:
Moving Forward with High School Redesign
www.abhsredesign.ca

Alberta Education
High School Completion Strategic Framework
<https://education.alberta.ca/highschoolcompletion>

Edutopica
“What Is Personalization, Really?” at
www.edutopia.org