

# 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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