



Personalized learning encourages teachers to tailor their instruction to each student's individual needs and empowers students to learn in the ways that work best for them.

Recognizing that personalized learning has the potential to boost student outcomes, state policymakers are developing policies that enable schools to take advantage of this approach and give them the tools and training to customize learning to every student.

This week's newsletter highlights the ways states are encouraging personalized learning to advance equity and strengthen teaching and learning.

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State Spotlights



The **Michigan** Department of Education's open educational resources (OER) initiative provides access to free, high-quality resources to increase equity and transform teaching and learning.

Early this year, the Michigan Department of Education, in collaboration with the [#GoOpen Michigan Strategy Team](#), launched the [#GoOpen Michigan Microsite](#), a repository for high-quality, standards-aligned openly licensed educational resources (OER) for Michigan educators.

This initiative empowers teachers to use a variety of standards-aligned OER and customize these open resources to better meet students' needs.

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The **Vermont** Agency of Education offers educators a self-paced course on personalized, proficiency-based learning.

Designed by the Vermont Professional Learning Network and the Center for Collaborative Education, the course identifies key practices, enables reflection and discussion, and provides examples and opportunities to put best practices into action.

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The **New York** State Department of Education (NYSED) has implemented personalized learning programs across the state.

In 2018, NYSED worked with the New York State Association for Computers and Technology in Education to host a conference centered around exploring the ways schools and districts can use technology to facilitate personalized learning.

Educators in all roles were invited to join the conversation, share expertise, and scale successful programs and practices to ensure all students receive a high-quality education.

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Must Read

New Profit's America Forward Coalition and CCSSO's Innovation Lab Network recently collaborated to explore the relationship between personalized learning and educational equity.

Voices from the Field: National Perspectives on Personalized Learning highlights promising personalized learning practices as well as considerations for policymakers, practitioners, and education leaders pursuing educational equity.

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Tools & Resources



NASBE's *Advancing Personalized Learning through Effective Use and Protection of Student Data* highlights how good student data privacy policies can recognize the potential for personalized learning to accelerate student achievement while also guaranteeing safe, secure access to student data.

This report recommends actions state boards can take to foster personalized learning and protect student data.

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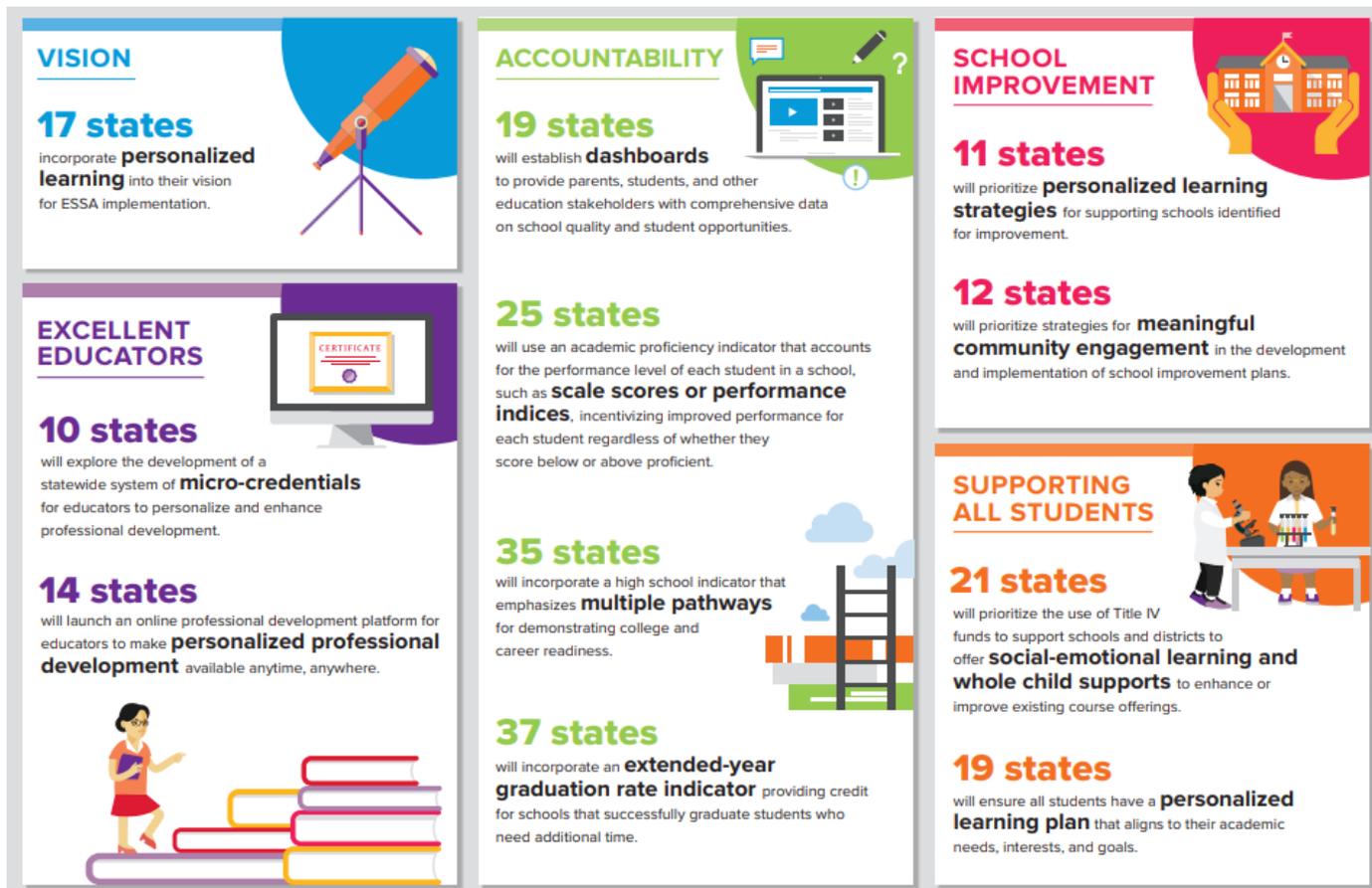
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NCSL's Student-Centered Learning Commission is a bipartisan group of state legislators studying policy options, obstacles, and recommendations to help states advance systems that support personalized, competency-based, accessible learning.

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KnowledgeWorks' *Personalized Learning and the Every Student Succeeds Act: Mapping Emerging Trends for Personalized Learning in State ESSA Plans* finds that 17 states identified personalized learning as part of their vision in their ESSA plans, and 11 state plans prioritize personalized learning strategies for supporting schools identified for improvement.

This report helps educate state policymakers about personalized learning policy trends and connects them to states that are advancing these policies, while inspiring a conversation that helps states strengthen and amend their ESSA plans to improve the implementation of personalized learning systems.

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The States Leading campaign celebrates the progress states are making toward providing equitable education for all students through the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and innovative policies in other key areas of education, such as early childhood education, teacher preparation, and career readiness, among others.

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