

# Stride Learning Hub

## 5 Ways Personalized Learning Will Look Different Post-Pandemic

This school year, many districts have welcomed students back for face-to-face learning and others have found ways to improve and enhance their virtual programs. Across the board, personalized learning has become more critical than ever. Districts need ways to help students move forward stronger amidst excessive learning loss and social-emotional impacts experienced in the past several years. As educators and students have become more experienced with technology and online learning in pandemic times, they are better poised and more willing to embrace educational technology that delivers the benefits of personalized learning.

### Get ready for a simplified and enhanced approach to personalized learning

We expect to see an expanded approach to personalized learning post-pandemic. First, we must move beyond technology platforms that automatically serve up targeted lessons for the student and put the tools in teachers' hands to differentiate learning based on students' needs, interests, and how they learn best. Next, to be successful, we need to provide the resources for teachers to easily create personalized learning that goes beyond addressing skills gaps to enrich learning with themed collections, timely topics, project-based learning, and support for social-emotional learning.



## Simplify and enhance personalized learning to be more effective post-pandemic:

### 01

## Empower teachers with the tools to expand how they personalize learning

In the past, technology-driven personalized learning was often presented as a hands-off approach where teachers allowed the platform to select targeted content to differentiate asynchronous instruction. Now, personalized learning can become a teacher-driven, dynamic learning experience, but with a streamlined and simplified approach to save them time.

With the new Stride Learning Hub by Stride Learning Solutions, teachers have access to a robust library of digital learning assets that they can easily search and assign to individuals or groups of students, or incorporate into their classroom instruction to address students' learning loss more effectively. Stride Learning Hub also allows teachers to expand and enrich learning experiences with resources and activities that look beyond filling skill gaps to enhanced personalized learning.

### 02

## Customize to students' interests

Recent district profiles in EdWeek's *Personalized Learning's Big Test Is Coming This School Year*<sup>1</sup> showcase student successes coming from schools who connect students to projects they care about and that align to their interests. In one featured article, *Why Personalized Learning Works in Some Schools, But Not in Others*, one common factor in high-performing schools is that students are more motivated to

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learn when their personalized learning environments align to their interests. Stride Learning Hub gives teachers the tools and assets they need to create personalized lessons matched to their students' interests and for older students, their future career or workplace goals.

### 03

## Match learning modalities to how the student learns best

Because many students have an ideal way of learning, it is imperative that teachers have access to tools to deliver lessons and activities in a variety of modalities, including those aligned to the four types of learning: visual, auditory, kinesthetic, and reading/writing.<sup>2</sup> When personalized learning delivered online can provide multisensory learning activities in the format that works best for a student, they have their best opportunity for learning success. Students who have access to multisensory engagement can be more proactive in their learning, take ownership, and feel empowered. Stride Learning Hub's robust library of more than 200,000 learning resources features 30-plus different interactivity types to drive student engagement. Among them are videos, eBooks, games, project-based learning experiences, simulations, and open exploratory spaces.



## 04 Make learning experiential by connecting to real-world experiences

Personalized learning that is student-centered and built with a project-based curriculum that encourages hands-on, real-world, relevant learning is proving to be a strong driver of success. A recent case study conducted by Getting Smart shares how Kansas City schools, along with business, civic, and community leaders, have come together around a real-world learning initiative designed to provide students with the skills and credentials they need for success after high school. By focusing learning around real-world workforce needs, students are getting prepared for their future.<sup>3</sup>

To help support teachers in making relevant, real-world connections, Stride Learning Hub features themed collections, like the Newsworthy collection, that provide resources on current events and timely topics that teachers can use to help students relate what they are learning to what is happening in the world around them. For example, when students explore the California wildfires or space exploration as tied to their themes in science or social studies, they can apply what they are learning using real-life examples that help engage them and provide context for their learning.

As teachers look to implement project-based learning, they can lean on the Stride Learning Hub to access projects that include real-world case studies and activities that allow students to work independently or as a team for a collaborative work experience.

## 05 Focus on the whole child

To be effective today, a personalized learning environment needs to customize learning by taking the whole child into account. With the rising mental health crisis resulting from the pandemic, school districts are implementing system-wide social-emotional learning programs that help address the mental health and well-being of students.

In the study, *Differences in Personalized Learning Practice and Technology Use in High- and Low-Performing Learner-Centered Schools in the United States*, schools with the most successful personalized learning environments saw better academic success, as measured on state tests, as a result of several factors, including a focus on the social-emotional well-being of students in all facets of their personalized learning plans.<sup>4</sup> To support teachers in adapting their lessons to support the whole child, Stride Learning Hub provides lesson plan resources and activities that they can use to focus on the emotional well-being of their students.

There is no disputing the critical role technology can play in personalized learning. However, over the past two years, high-performing schools have redefined the role of technology in personalized learning to support teachers in improving the unique learning experiences for each student.

Online learning environments like Stride Learning Solutions and the personalization tools available in the new Stride Learning Hub open up greater flexibility and streamlined personalized learning. They improve access to real-world learning and make project-based, experiential learning more expansive and engaging.

**Ready to take personalized learning to the next level? Explore how the Stride Learning Hub can help.**

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