

Personalized Learning Academy
School Year 2016-17
St. Thomas / St. John School District

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Personalized learning (set of practices)

- varies the time, place, and pace of learning for each student,
- enlists the student in the creation of learning pathways, and
- utilizes technology to manage and document the learning process and access rich sources of information.

Personalization (process) refers to

- a teacher's relationships with students and their families and
- the use of multiple instructional modes to scaffold each student's learning and
- enhance the student's personal competencies [cognitive, metacognitive, motivational, social/emotional].

Objectives

1. **October.** Reading Specialists and Department Chairs will be trained by CIL in personalized learning and will serve as Personalized Learning Trainers in this project.
2. **October.** All STTJ personnel will become aware of what personalized learning is and how it will be implemented in the district through overview training by the Reading Specialists and Department Chairs.
3. **November.** Selected PL teacher teams in each school will be trained in personalized learning instructional strategies and lesson design by the Reading Specialists and Department Chairs
4. **Nov. – January.** Each teacher on the selected PL teacher teams will create 5 lessons incorporating one of three personalized learning strategies and teach those lessons in their classrooms. (All 3 strategies must be represented across the 5 lessons); share their lessons and provide feedback on each other's lessons.
5. **Feb.- June.** Each teacher on the selected PL teacher teams will create 10 additional lessons with Enhanced Lesson Design; share their lesson results and provide feedback on each other's lessons.
6. **May – June.** Reading Specialists, Department Chairs and selected PL teacher teams will develop PL implementation plans for all teachers in each of their schools for the 2017-18 school year.