

Creating Learner-Centered Schools and Districts

Professional learning for educators and leadership teams



Realizing a learner-centered vision starts here...

Our Learner-Centered Promise

When we start with learners, we start from a place of possibility. Committed to meeting all learners where they are, we facilitate engaging, competency-based, personalized, authentic learning experiences that empower learners with agency and enable all learners to reach their full potential.



Our Professional Learning Approach

The first step toward learner-centered education is understanding your school or district's unique strengths and needs. Through close partnership with leadership teams, we design customized professional learning pathways that lead to the articulation of strong learner-centered outcomes, support educators in developing effective instructional practices, and create the enabling conditions that result in transformative change. Our goal is to actualize your vision—with your educators and for your learners.

Dear Colleagues,

As we shift from school-centered traditions and create more learner-centered practices, doing what is best for learners and learning calls upon schools to intentionally design their new way forward based on their unique goals and contexts. This will require **professional learning** and **ongoing support for educators**, from teachers to school and district leadership teams, as they adapt to new models of teaching and learning – ones that lead to young learners seeing themselves as full of possibility and equipped with the knowledge, skills and mindset to thrive in a changing world.

To support educators, our team has distilled the research and experience that we have gained operating our own schools, supporting partners, and leading systemic transformation in diverse environments to design professional learning experiences that build upon successes and actualize learner-centered outcomes. Recognizing that learning is a process, not an event, we support educators in deepening their understanding of practices that support all learners in the context of their unique learning community. Our professional learning experiences are steeped in practices that best promote learning—ones that foster agency, position learning in ways that feel personal and relevant, and equip learners with the transferable skills and competencies they need to engage in authentic learning.

We offer professional learning opportunities that vary in time commitment and format to best suit educator needs and availability, ranging from one-day stand-alone sessions to ongoing five-week courses. We look forward to the opportunity to partner with you and your learning community to catalyze the shift to learner centered education.

Sincerely,

Dr. Katie Martin, Chief Impact Officer



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Learner-Centered Education

If we want to change how students learn, we must change how educators learn. At Altitude Learning, this means designing professional learning experiences for adult learners that model those we want for young learners, ones that promote agency, connect authentically to each learner, and develop competencies aligned to goals. Learning cycles are embedded into our professional learning experiences, facilitating the application and integration of new learning and inputs into practices right away.

Self-Paced Courses

Utilizing Altitude Learning's comprehensive software platform, educators can engage with courses on activating learner agency, designing authentic learning experiences, and facilitating learner-centered assessment— on their own timeline, at their own pace.

This series of online courses provides access to expert insights into pedagogical strategies and connects new learning to current practices through learning cycles driven by goal-setting. Designed to support the adoption of best practices, learning cycles are supported by anchor texts and videos, promote reflections on existing practices, and culminate with a collection of evidence of application.

Participants may select individual courses or go through the entire series below. Each virtual course is 4-5 modules and is best completed over time, allowing for practice within each learning cycle.

Offerings include:

- Creating an Inclusive Community of Learners
- Unlocking Learner Agency
- Designing Authentic Learning Experiences
- Learner-Centered Assessment

▶ **Designed for:**

Educators looking to hone learner-centered practices at their own pace, on their own schedule, and in the setting that best suits them

▶ **Format:**

Online, self-paced course in the Altitude Learning platform

▶ **Enrollment:**

To learn more and enroll, email symon@altitudelearning.com



Educator Institutes

While learning time and space may evolve and change, prioritizing learner engagement, authentic learning, and actionable assessment remains paramount wherever learning is happening. Altitude Learning's **Engaging Learners Anytime, Anywhere** Educator Institutes bring together teachers, coaches, and leaders to deepen learner-centered pedagogical practices aligned to current work—enabling new learning to be brought to life with learners right away.

Offered in several formats to fit into a variety of schedules, educators will come away with strategies, learning design frameworks, and toolkits to support academic, social, and emotional learning for all learners. These interactive learning experiences promote collaboration, meaning-making, reflection, and goal-setting—in a supportive community of educators working to further engage learners in meaningful, authentic learning experiences.

One-Day Educator Institutes

In these synchronous, virtual learning experiences educators will deepen their understanding and implementation of a specific learner-centered pillar: competency-based assessment, authentic learning, learner agency, or personalized learning.

- ▶ **Designed for:**
Educators looking to hone learner-centered practices
- ▶ **Format:**
1-day: Online, synchronous course
5-session: Online, synchronous course + asynchronous practice throughout the week
- ▶ **Enrollment:**
Visit altitudelearning.com/events for schedule and registration information



“*I appreciated all the varied assessment tools that were shared. They're great because many of them I can put to work right away.*”

Teacher, El Segundo Unified School District

Throughout the day participants will connect learning to current practices and develop action plans to bring back to their virtual and in-person classrooms. The day culminates with an Exhibition of Learning and all participants leave with a pedagogical toolkit to help guide their work well beyond the Institute.

Five-Session Educator Institutes

These virtual, community of practice style courses provide synchronous and asynchronous learning opportunities through a weekly learning cycle that deepens understanding of learner-centered, distance-learning pedagogical practices that support academic, social, and emotional learning, assessment, and authentic learning experiences.

The community of practice comes together for 90-minute weekly sessions, followed by asynchronous time between sessions for application and refinement of new learning in practice, and culminating in an Exhibition of Learning. Upon course completion, participants will be equipped with pedagogical toolkits and lesson plans to guide future work, along with a certificate of completion.

Customized Educator Institutes

For School and District Teams

One-day and multi-session Educator Institutes are available for school or district professional learning engagements and can be customized and adapted to address specific goals and areas for development.

► **Learn more:**

To learn more about professional learning for your school or district, email partners@altitudelearning.com



Learner-Centered Leadership

Transformational, learner-centered change starts with a shared vision that guides goals and practices that positively impact student learning at scale. This requires building a professional learning community striving for continuous improvement, promoting collective responsibility, and supporting alignment of individual, team, school, and district goals. We meet schools and districts where they are on their learner-centered journey and support leaders and teams to turn educational aspirations into realities.

Strategic Consulting

Achieving a learner-centered vision for education starts with understanding your district's unique strengths and needs. From there, strategic consulting services are tailored to facilitate learner agency, competency-based assessment, and authentic learning experiences and to build a framework for learner-centered transformation.

Ongoing work with our team of seasoned practitioners and educators supports leadership teams to engage in collaborative thought partnership. Coaching sessions for teams and individuals are customized to meet your needs, align to your schedule, and design action plans aligned to your goals.

Together we'll:

- Define your shared vision and learner profile
- Articulate your unique goals
- Align community stakeholders
- Identify success indicators
- Co-design your pedagogical approach
- Outline strategies to implement and scale new learning models

► **Designed for:**

School Leadership Teams, School and District leaders

► **Format:**

Online or in-person engagements (when permitted) aligned to specific school or district goals

► **Learn more:**

Consult with a team member to develop a program aligned to your school or district's unique vision and needs. Email partners@altitudelearning.com



Leadership Academy

Learner-centered education is most effective when a collective learning community progresses toward common goals. Our Leadership Academy helps form a guiding coalition of key leaders, administrators, and site-level educators to define and align on a shared vision for learning, identify clear metrics, solidify a learning model, and ensure continued improvement and progress toward desired goals.

Through close partnership with your guiding coalition, we help you develop and articulate learner-centered outcomes, support educators in developing effective instructional practices, and create the enabling conditions that result in transformative change. Throughout our work together leadership teams will build internal capacity and develop expertise in order to grow learner-centered practices in your context.

Teams collaborate, learn, and align on a problem of practice to address through four learning cycles:

- **Self-Assessment and Goal-Setting** - Team members self-assess and set goals to guide their learning path.
- **Learning Walks** - It is critical to observe (not just talk about) teaching and learning. Through this observation protocol, team members build capacity and develop a shared understanding of what powerful teaching and learning looks like, sounds like, and feels like.
- **Action Research** - Tackling a challenge that is meaningful provides rich opportunities to investigate new solutions, study the outcomes, and learn to improve. These rapid learning cycles continually improve practice.
- **Critique and Feedback** - Leaders will collect evidence, share student work and use protocols to provide and receive feedback based on learning outcomes to inform next steps.

► **Designed for:**

School Teams, School and District leaders

► **Format:**

A year-long community of practice with synchronous and asynchronous learning opportunities to catalyze the shift to learner-centered practices

► **Learn more:**

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Learner-Centered Pathways

Shifting to learner-centered education is a transformational journey that involves creating the enabling conditions for change, developing educator capacity, scaling practices, and sustaining momentum. Our comprehensive learner-centered pathways provide schools and districts with professional learning aligned to their vision for learning coupled with tools to bring the desired practices to life with learners.

Professional Learning + Technology

Our pathways are designed to support ongoing growth in a particular area of learner-centered education.



Personalized Learning

Make learning meaningful. Educators deepen understanding of instructional methods and leverage tools that facilitate more inclusive learning environments that meet the needs of all learners through small group instruction, personalized pathways, and opportunities for voice and choice.



Competency-Based Assessment

Measure what matters. Educators develop assessment methodologies and harness technology to engage learners, drive learning next steps, and ensure ongoing progress toward whole-child outcomes—all resulting in a clear, shared picture of learner progress toward desired competencies, standards, and habits.



Learner Agency

Empower learners to drive their learning. Educators explore routines and practices that inform and empower learners to make meaningful choices based on strengths and interests. Technology supports a student-driven learning cycle with goal-setting, progress tracking, and managing personalized learning pathways.

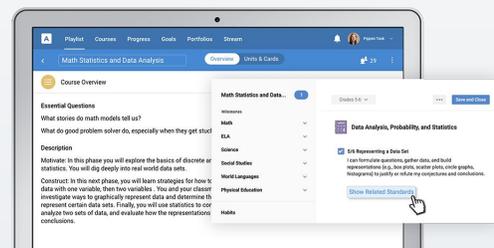


Authentic Learning

Bring relevant, engaging learning to life. Educators gain tools and strategies to personalize learning pathways allowing learners to collaborate, engage in relevant learning, and solve real-world challenges. Technology facilitates interdisciplinary learning experiences that offer choice in activities and how learning is demonstrated.

► Learn more:

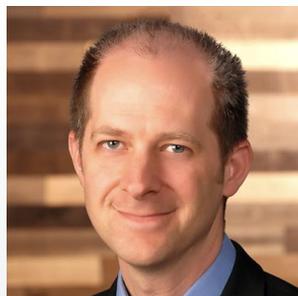
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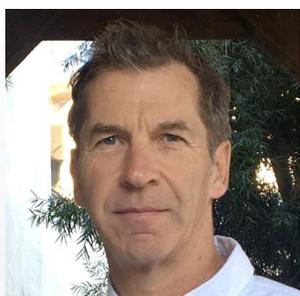
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About Altitude Learning

Altitude Learning partners with K-12 schools and districts to catalyze and accelerate their shift to learner-centered education. With professional learning services and a technology platform, Altitude Learning works hand-in-hand with leaders and educators to create the conditions for learner-centered change and provide tools for scale and sustainability.

Addressing the challenges schools face today, Altitude Learning solutions facilitate learner agency, competency-based assessment, and authentic learning experiences. United with itslearning US, Altitude Learning offers an expanded set of tools to support diverse partners' needs. As a public benefit corporation and a Certified B Corporation, they aim to empower every learner to drive their own learning and reach their full potential.



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