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Student Choice and Voice in the Classroom

Course Syllabus

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Course Description

We know that learning is only truly meaningful when it is personal and when the learners are active participants in shaping their learning. By offering students to opportunity to be co-creators of curriculum and learning, educators can engage learners in lasting and meaningful experiences. By becoming active listeners, educators can create an environment that is learner centered and recognizes that we teach students, no subjects. This course was created to help educators better understand the current research supporting personalized instruction and to introduce methods to increase student choice and voice in the classroom.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course, you should be able to:

- Explain what is meant by student choice and voice
- Explain student self-efficacy and describe its role in student learning
- Describe what student choice looks like in a classroom
- Understand how formative assessment can be used to increase student voice in the classroom
- Understand that there are multiple pathways students can pursue to the same common objective, thus increasing the opportunity for student choice in the classroom

Tasks for Completing Course:

1.   Read and reflect upon the benefits of increasing student choice and voice to create a community of learners.

2. Reflect on the challenges that you must overcome to create these opportunities for students.

3. Develop a list of characteristics, skills, and habits of mind that support student voice and choice in the classroom.

4. Create a reflection on your current practices and how they support student self-efficacy.

5. Develop an action plan to support student self-efficacy in your classroom and connect this plan to increasing student voice and choice.

6. Explore examples of increased voice and choice in large and small ways, from the point of view of the teacher and student.

7. Create an action plan to carry your new learning forward and increase student voice and choice in your classroom.