

Media Toolkit

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**A Reporter's Guide to Rethinking the American
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About Students at the Center

Students at the Center, a Jobs for the Future initiative, grounds everything we do in the best available research on how students learn, what motivates them, and what they need to be successful in a rapidly changing world. We take this research and translate it into formats that practitioners and policymakers can access and use as they work to build the teaching and learning systems our youth deserve and make good policy to sustain those systems.

Much of the research behind good teaching and learning and the importance of student-centered approaches to learning isn't new – what's groundbreaking and innovative in our work is how we're striving to make it available for all students, regardless of race, class, learning style, or geography.

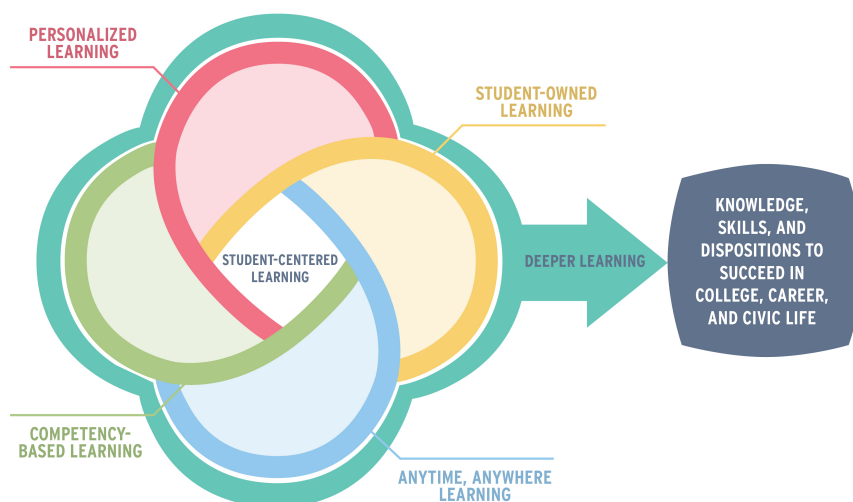
Our Framework

The Students at the Center framework defines a set of core, researched-backed principles for powerful teaching and learning, meant to ensure that all students develop the sorts of high-level knowledge, skills, and dispositions they need to succeed in college, careers, and civic life.

For a deeper look at the Students at the Center framework, including access to a wealth of resources related to each principle, visit <http://studentsatthecenterhub.org/interactive-framework/>

HOW WE WORK

- 1 **Commission research** from some of the best thinkers and doers in education field today and publish it in highly-accessible formats.
- 2 **Collect, curate, and create** tools, frameworks, and resources from all over the field. Make these available on the Students at the Center Hub, an interactive digital website with a powerful search engine.
- 3 **Staff a Research Collaborative** that will improve the knowledge base and intentionally involves researchers, practitioners, and policy makers in bridging sectors to better inform each other's work and decision-making.
- 4 Use our knowledge base to **establish aspirational but accessible frameworks** on what teaching and learning looks like in a personalized setting, and help provide the tools and support to get there.
- 5 **Support states and districts** in making the transition to research-based college and career-ready practices and policies for all students.



Resources

TOPICS WE COVER

College and Career Readiness

Student-Centered Learning

Competency-Based Learning

Equity and Diverse Learners

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Assessment for Learning

Seamless Pathways

Access research on these and other topics at www.jff.org/initiatives/students-center/topics

STUDENTS AT THE CENTER DISTINGUISHED FELLOWS

We are proud to support a cohort of nine distinguished fellows who are, by all measures, among the most talented and committed researchers, practitioners, and policymakers currently working on or around student-centered learning approaches in the New England region. These fellows, included amongst our experts, are available to provide key perspective from their roles on the ground.

Learn more about the distinguished fellows at studentsatthecenterhub.org/profile/distinguishedfellows/

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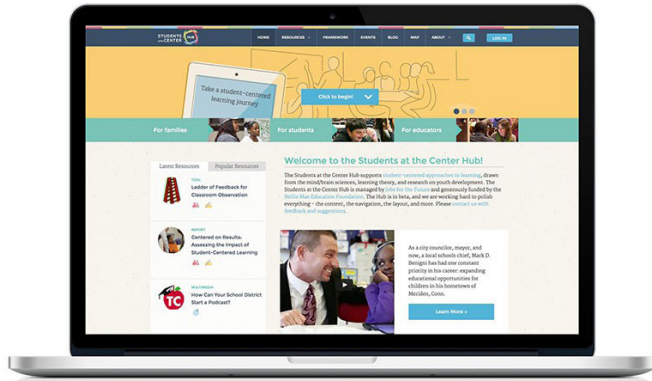
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WHAT IS THE STUDENTS AT THE CENTER HUB?

The Students at the Center Hub is a digital platform designed specifically for media, educators, students, and policymakers who are interested in, learning about, or implementing student-centered approaches to learning. The Hub offers curated research, resources, and tools from the Students at the Center project and beyond. The Students at the Center Hub reaches over 40,000 highly motivated learner-centered educators and policymakers. We do not host partner resources on our own site – but instead link back to the originating location – driving traffic through to the source organization.

The Students at the Center blog features posts by students, practitioners, and experts. Jobs for the Future is happy to provide an introduction to these contributors upon request. Access the blog at www.studentsatthecenterhub.org/blog

COMPETENCIES FOR EDUCATORS AND LEADERS

Learner-centered approaches are again gaining momentum across the nation, which means the role of teachers and the skillsets they need is evolving. To address this need, the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) and Jobs for the Future (JFF) released two documents cataloging the unique competencies educators and leaders need in order to create and thrive in effective learner-centered, personalized environments.

RELEVANT RESOURCES

Educator Competencies for Personalized, Learner-Centered Teaching

<https://studentsatthecenterhub.org/resources/educatorcompetencies/>

Leadership Competencies for Learner-Centered, Personalized Education

<https://studentsatthecenterhub.org/resource/leadership-competencies/>

