



# Families' GUIDE to

## Common Language used in Customized Learning

### 20 Commonly Used Words & Phrases

**Customized Learning includes many different terms and concepts. Check out this list of words and phrases you may hear!**

#### **Blended Learning**

Combines face-to-face and online learning experiences

#### **Climate of a school**

The school's effects on students, including teaching practices, cultural sensitivity, and the relationships between school staff, teachers, parents, and students

#### **Competency**

The ability to do something successfully or efficiently

#### **Competency Based Education**

Also known as Competency Based Instruction, allows learners to move forward as they master skills at their own pace

#### **Competency Based Learning**

The type of instruction, assessment, and grading that is based on students demonstrating that they have learned the knowledge and skills they are expected to learn as they progress through their education

#### **Competency Based Grading**

A system of grading based on the knowledge and skills learners must demonstrate in each grade level and subject area

#### **Culture of a school**

The set of beliefs, values, and common practices teachers and staff share and uphold in a school

#### **Curriculum**

A collection of lessons, assessments, and other academic content for a certain subject area

#### **Customized Learning**

Also called personalized learning. An educational approach, when specific strengths, interests and needs of each learner are tied with a personalized pathway to success

#### **Growth Mindset**

The idea that, with effort, it's possible to increase a learner's intelligence levels, talents, and abilities

#### **Knowledge Rich Instruction**

Lessons and other academic content designed to build on what learners already know as they progress

#### **Learning Management System (LMS)**

Software for educators that tracks the learning and progress of students

#### **Learning Tracks**

Specific classes, programs, and learning experiences that are tailored for individual learners based on their strengths, interests, and needs

#### **Mastery Tracking**

A way of keeping track of learned (mastered) skills and knowledge gained by learners

#### **Online Learning**

Also known as e-learning and distance learning, education that takes place online

#### **Problem Based Learning**

Learners develop problem solving skills like asking critical questions, brainstorming, and using resources to find solutions and answers

#### **Problem Based Teaching**

An educational approach that teaches problem solving skills and strategies for learners to apply in real world situations

#### **Student Agency**

Gives students voice and often, choice, in how and what they learn

#### **Universal Design for Learning (UDL)**

Guidelines educators can apply to help learners access and participate in challenging and meaningful learning experiences

#### **Whole Child**

An educational approach that nurtures all areas of a child's development and growth, not just academics