THE WHY, WHAT, AND WHO SAYS?!
OF STUDENT-CENTERED LEARNING

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PERSISTENT LEARNING MYTHS

ABOUT JOBS FOR THE FUTURE

OUR MISSION

Jobs for the Future works to ensure that all lower-income young people and workers have the skills and credentials needed to succeed in our economy.

OUR VISION

The promise of education and economic mobility in America is achieved for everyone.

OUR GOALS

To achieve our mission, we focus on 3 goals:

1. All lower-income young people graduate high school on a clear path to college completion and career success.

2. All underprepared students gain the skills they need to earn postsecondary credentials with high labor market value.

3. All lower-skilled workers obtain the education and training required to move into family-supporting careers with clear paths for advancement.
The people these trends affect the most will be low-income youth and adults currently underserved by our education and workforce systems.

We must ensure they do not get left behind and still can support themselves and their families.
DRIVERS OF CHANGE

- New economic realities
- New technologies
- Political will & momentum
- Improved research on learning & motivation
- Much more clarity as to what’s meant by “student-centered”
Turn to an “elbow partner” to discuss…

> 1. Drivers of change:
  - Which of these resonate in your state?
  - What drivers of change are missing?

> 2. Student-centered learning:
  - Describe a learning experience you had that was student-centered.
  - What made it student-centered for you?
ASSOCIATED TERMS & APPROACHES

- Project based learning
- Portfolios
- Exhibitions
- Individual learning plans
- Blended Learning
- Student-led research
- Student-owned
- Internships
- Universal Design for Learning
- Adaptive software
- Advisory/primary person/learning coach
- Mastery-based Education
- Performance-based assessment
- Competency-based Learning
- Expanded Learning Opportunities
- Internships
- STEM/STEAM/CTE courses & pathways
- Student-led conferences
- Self- and peer-assessment
- Anytime, Anywhere Learning
- Doubt enrollment
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Searchable Research Database:
studentsatthecenterhub.org/resource/researchportal/

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RESEARCH & RESOURCES

STUDENT-CENTERED LEARNING EVENTS
Browse a list of student-centered learning programs, events and conferences!

THE SOCIAL MEDIA PORTAL
Explore student-centered learning conversations from around the web.

THE STUDENTS AT THE CENTER RESOURCE COLLECTION
A searchable set of educational materials that align with student-centered learning principles.

THE STUDENTS AT THE CENTER FRAMEWORK
A precise definition, grounded in solid empirical research into effective teaching and learning.

THE STUDENT-CENTERED LEARNING MAP
Find out which schools, programs, and communities in New England are committed to implementing student-centered strategies into their education system.
The Speaker has given you 60 seconds to finish your closing argument on how to define student-centered learning along with one piece of research, evidence, or argument that supports why you care about it.

What will you say?