

## Personalized Learning Grant Frequently Asked Questions

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1. *What is the grant's overall goal?*

This grant is designed to provide schools with an opportunity to secure funding to increase student achievement focused around the tenets of personalized learning.

2. *Who may apply for a grant?*

Any school within an LEA may apply for the grant.

3. *My school is already engaged in personalized learning initiatives. May I apply for a grant?*

The grant is designed for schools regardless of the degree of personalized learning. Schools may use the funds to jump start personalized learning, enhance existing personalized learning initiatives, or refine an already strong program.

4. *How do I access the application? When is the grant application due?*

The grant application may be accessed via the eGrant portal and is due no later than October 28, 2016.

5. *What expenditures are permitted in the grant?*

Acceptable uses of funds include professional development (including expenses), materials and resources to support transition, technology, facility redesign, on site visits, etc.

6. *What funding is available?*

Schools may apply for funds ranging from a minimum of \$50,000 to a maximum of \$100,000.

7. *What is the term of the grant?*

The grant period begins December 1, 2016, through November 30, 2017.

8. *What requirements must a school meet?*

Schools receiving a personalized learning grant must agree to the following:

- Attend the SAS Institute, December 4-6, 2016
- Attend the personalized learning workshop, December 7, 2016
- Develop and implement a PDE-approved personalized learning action plan, with mentoring from IU8

9. *What supports are available during the grant period?*

IU8's Mass Customized Learning Consortium, a community of educational leaders who want to transform education away from the industrial age model towards one of customization, will kick off the grant during the December 7 workshop and work closely with schools during the term of the grant. Activities will include on-site follow-up sessions (minimum of two site visits), a virtual learning hub, and other relevant activities that promote successful personalized learning implementation.

10. *Who may I contact for more information?*

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