

LEGAL & FINANCIAL REASONS TO INDIVIDUALIZE STUDENT LEARNING

LEGISLATURES and EDUCATION AGENCIES are recognizing that schools must be encouraged to offer individualize learning in order to recover students who are under-performing or under-challenged.

Here are six reasons why schools should offer individualized learning options for students:

1. **NCLB now exempts teachers from certain Highly Qualified** criteria when students earn academic credits in core subjects in individualized curriculum (October, 2006 Texas Guidelines for NCLB, pages 7 & 8).
2. Texas and Arizona schools which offer individualized courses are now allowed to **count students present for state funding** when students attend at least 20 hours per week (HB 1, Section 5.03).
3. Texas schools may be authorized in 2007 to use **state curriculum funds to purchase alternative textbooks** when addressing the needs of under-performing, at-risk students (HB 1, Sec 3.04).
4. Individualized **curriculum in core subjects is available** in print and CD format, enabling schools to offer individualized learning options to students (www.pacworks.com or www.pacworks.biz).
5. **Staff training is available and essential** to equip classroom teachers to make an easy transition to individualized learning (www.pacworks.com/“Training”).
6. Over-age/under-performing **students require access to individualized learning** programs in order to make up course failures while completing graduation requirements.

For more information on individualized learning and teacher training, contact Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum & System at:
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