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### Three Advantages of Online Learning

- **Adaptive Learning with Individualized Pathways**
  - More engaging content with an emphasis on modalities that produce persistence.
  - 24/7/365 access to quality content and great teachers for all students.

- **2012 Digital Learning Report Card**
  - From Digital Learning Now! reveals that states are making significant progress in advancing reforms that support the 10 Elements, noting that more than 700 bills involving digital learning were considered in 2012 and more than 152 signed into law. Nearly every state enacted a bill that advanced a digital learning policy.

- **Expanding the Range of Courses Available to Students**
  - Beyond what a school or district can offer;
  - Expanding access to highly effective teachers, particularly in high-need subjects such as math and science;
  - Affording opportunities for at-risk students, elite athletes and performers, dropouts, migrant youth, pregnant or incarcerated students and students who are homebound due to illness or injury, allowing them to continue their studies outside the classroom;
  - Providing credit recovery programs for students who have failed courses and/or dropped out of school, allowing them to get back on track to graduate;
  - Providing continuity of education for highly mobile student populations such as migrant youth;
  - Reducing scheduling conflicts by providing more flexible options.

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### Three Advantages of Online Learning

- **Customization**
  - Students can take learning at their own pace and in a way that suits them.
- **Motivation**
  - Students can engage with challenging subjects with frequent interaction.
- **Equitization**
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### Drivers of Online Learning

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With thoughtful implementation, the shift to online learning has the potential to address the interrelated challenges of implementing college and career readiness standards, preparing for next-generation assessments and extending student access to high-quality learning opportunities.

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### Conclusion

By providing a range of options available to students, improving access to effective educational programs, expanding the range of courses available to students, and expanding access to high-quality learning opportunities, online learning offers a break from the factory model and a path to personalization for students and for teachers. As online learning opportunities grow, so too does the body of evidence that replaces outdated myths with a more realistic picture of student and teacher experiences with online learning.