

Digital Promise Product Certification Criteria

CERTIFICATION AREA	PROMISED COMMITMENT	HONORABLE MENTION	CERTIFIED
RESEARCH-BASED DESIGN	The product team is committed to consulting and incorporating research findings to inform product design and to attend to the needs of the full spectrum of learners.	The product is informed using at least two research studies about how people learn that are peer- reviewed and from reputable journals. The research that has been provided is clearly related to the product design.	Research about how people learn is core to the theoretical framework that drives product design and evident throughout the product. The product team shares the research behind the design publicly.
TAILORED INSTRUCTION & LEARNING	The product team is committed to consulting and incorporating research findings to inform product design and to attend to the needs of the full spectrum of learners.	The product allows for some differentiation of the level of content or learning experiences, but differentiation is limited to rates of mastery.	Opportunities for differentiation are embedded throughout the product to appropriately attend to learner variability based on research.
IMPLEMENTATION GUIDANCE	The product team is committed to consulting and incorporating research findings to inform product design and to attend to the needs of the full spectrum of learners.	The product team offers implementation guidance, mostly centered on technical assistance and customer support.	The product team provides implementation guidance and offers professional learning opportunities, such as in person and/ or virtual trainings, resources, and access to ongoing support, to ensure educators integrate and use the product as it was intended.
DATA FOR CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT	The product team is committed to consulting and incorporating research findings to inform product design and to attend to the needs of the full spectrum of learners.	The product team executes a formal process to conduct pilot and/or efficacy studies to inform product design.	The product development process incorporates user feedback, results from pilot and efficacy studies, and new publications in learning sciences research to guide iterative product improvements.