

Strategies for Supporting Self-Paced Mastery on Khan Academy

Readiness	Pace	Motivation & Effort	Executive Skills & Agency
Guiding Question: How can I create mastery paths on Khan Academy that align with students' readiness levels and provide targeted support for those who need extra help?	Guiding Question: How can I allow students to progress at their own pace while ensuring that both fast and slower-paced learners meet their learning goals?	Guiding Question: How can I keep students engaged and motivated to stay committed to their mastery paths and achieve their goals?	Guiding Questions: How can I help students develop the planning and organizational skills they need to thrive in a self-paced system?
Use Khan Academy's course challenges to identify students' readiness levels, ensuring they begin their mastery path at the appropriate level.	Establish a minimum mastery pace, such as 3% progress per week, to ensure students steadily move forward.	Set up Khan Academy badges and mastery goals as a motivational tool, celebrating incremental achievements and consistency in effort.	Use Khan Academy's learning dashboard to facilitate regular goal-setting exercises, allowing students to track their progress visually and set weekly or monthly mastery goals.
Use Khan Academy's mastery path to scaffold learning, offering direct instruction and gradually releasing responsibility as students become more confident.	Schedule weekly or bi-weekly Khan Academy progress reviews, using Khanmigo (Al tutor) or teacher-led checkpoints to offer support for those who fall behind or need additional guidance.	Create a peer recognition process where students nominate each other for effort and mastery accomplishments.	Schedule regular 1:1 meetings where students receive coaching on time management and organization, reviewing their Khan Academy's progress trackers and upcoming assignments.
Provide students with a structured plan that includes Khan Academy's 'Get Help' tools (hints, videos) and peers or teacher intervention for when they hit a roadblock.	Implement timed practice sessions, followed by immediate feedback to help students practice pacing and concentration.	Integrate in-person check-ins where students reflect on their progress in Khan Academy, discussing how to maintain motivation and tackle any challenges they encounter.	Encourage students to use timers for focused study sessions on Khan Academy, maintaining checklists and visual mastery trackers provided within the platform.
Encourage students who struggle to retain concepts to regularly use Khan Academy's Mastery Challenges, revisiting topics they've previously worked on to solidify understanding.	Offer extension activities or enrichment opportunities for students who progress quickly, such as advanced Khan Academy lessons, real-world problem-solving tasks, or collaborative projects.	Encourage students to present their Khan Academy progress during student-led conferences, promoting self-reflection and accountability as they demonstrate mastery of specific topics.	Encourage students to reflect on their weekly or monthly progress in a journal or digital tracker, noting what strategies worked, what challenges arose, and how they plan to adjust their approach moving forward.