

Definition:

Personal and academic skills necessary for success in future individual endeavors.

Characteristics:

- Collaborative culture
- Creative thinking
- Critical thinking
- Problem solving
- Integration of technology into learning
- Global competence
- Global interaction
- Financial, economic, business literacy
- Entrepreneurial and civic literacy
- Technologically able

Future-Ready Skills

Examples:

- Teachers consistently embed creativity and innovation, critical thinking and problem solving, and communication and collaboration in learning experiences.
- Students' work reflect the use of project-based learning.
- Staff discussions and meeting minutes emphasize teaching that promotes, flexibility and adaptability, initiative and self-direction, social and cross-cultural skills, productivity and accountability, and leadership and responsibility.
- Students use research and determine the validity of sources to add meaning to solutions to problems.

Non-Examples:

- Teachers continue to teach methods and plans in isolation that they have used for a number of previous years without considering changes in student needs, curriculum changes, cultural, social, and workforce evolution.
- Students' work samples include many worksheets as part of the documentation for grading.
- Students are not able to explain how what they are learning in class is relevant to their future.
- Students are not able to explain how what they are learning in class relates to the intended curriculum.
- Students use rote memorization as the primary means to learn information.