

Ohio's 21st Century Skills

Preparing students to be college and career ready provides a focus for all teachers to provide learning experiences that promote the 21st century skills necessary to be successful in an innovative, global economy.

- Critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and applied knowledge for practical results.
- Mastery of rigorous academic content, especially in literacy, mathematics, and information technologies
- Innovative and creative thinking, including entrepreneurial skills
- Communication skills, both oral and written
- Team learning and work, relationship building, and interpersonal social skills
- Alignment of education with the needs of economic development, including better communications and cooperation between educators and business people.
- Personal responsibility, including good work habits, work ethic, knowing how to be flexible and continue learning, and financial literacy
- Global awareness, languages, and understanding other cultures (including history, economics and geography)
- Communications and better interfaces between K-12 public education and post-secondary/higher education to make high school graduates better prepared for the next stages of their education and lives.

Teacher education, preparation, and professional development to support content mastery and skill development, including applied learning (or problem-based learning) across disciplines in a global context