

# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Knowledge and Skills

**EDU 420**

**Computers in the Classroom**

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# Need for Change

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- The following factors have transformed the way people work and live:
  - Economic development
  - Technology
  - Information
  - Demography
  - Political forces



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# What Are 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills

# Core Subjects

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- English
- Reading/Language arts
- Mathematics
- Science
- Foreign language
- Civics
- Government
- Economics
- Arts
- History
- Geography

# ICT Literacy

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- Information Literacy
- Media Literacy
- Interactive Communication
- Virtual Collaboration

# Higher Order Thinking

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- Creativity and Innovative Thinking
- Curiosity and Risk-Taking
- Complex Reasoning
- Virtual Collaboration

# Global Awareness

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- Social and Cultural Understanding
- Environmental Literacy
- Civic Engagement
- Renewable Energy and Sustainable Development
- Population

# Economics Skills

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- Finance
- Business
- Entrepreneurship



# Life and Career Skills

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- Adaptability and Self-direction
- Teaming and Collaboration
- Leadership and Responsibility

# Health and Wellness

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- Obesity
- Exercises
- Healthy Diet and Food Safety
- Clean Water and Air
- Epidemic Diseases
- Pressure Release
- Preventive Culture vs. Treatment Culture

# Six Key Elements of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning

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- Emphasize core subjects
- Emphasize learning skills
- Use 21<sup>st</sup> century tools to develop learning skills
- Teach and learn in a 21<sup>st</sup> century learning context
- Teach and learn 21<sup>st</sup> century content
- Use 21<sup>st</sup> century assessment that measure 21<sup>st</sup> century skills

# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Skills

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- Learning skills comprise three broad categories of skills
  - Information and communication skills
  - Thinking and problem solving skills
  - Interpersonal and self-directional skills

# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Content

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- Global Awareness
- Financial, Economics, and Business Literacy
- Civic Literacy

# Quote: Alvin Toffler

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- “The illiterate of the 21<sup>st</sup> century will not be those who can not read or write, but those who can not learn, unlearn, and relearn.”

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- The World is Flat – Friedman
  - 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills