

Exploring Learning Goals for the 21st Century

The following learning goals listings represent the attempts of a variety of thoughtful and successful schools, school networks, educational organizations, and educational policy makers to identify the learning goals and skills that they think are most important for preparing students for success in life, work and post-secondary study. As you look through them, think about which you find most compelling, what may be missing, and which you find most meaningful for your school and why.

Bloom's Taxonomy

- Knowledge
- Comprehension
- Application
- Analysis
- Synthesis Skills
- Evaluation

Deeper Learning Network/ EL Schools

- Mastery of Core Academic Content
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Collaboration
- Effective Communication
- Self-Directed Learning
- An "Academic Mindset"

Pink: Skills for Whole Brain Thinking

- Design
- Story
- Symphony
- Empathy
- Play

Partnership for 21st Century Skills

- Critical Thinking
- Communication
- Collaboration
- Creativity

Wagner: Seven 21st Century Skills

- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Collaboration and Leadership
- Agility and Adaptability
- Initiative and Entrepreneurship
- Effective Written and Oral Communication
- Assessing and Analyzing Information
- Curiosity and Imagination

The MET Technical School

- Communication
- Empirical Reasoning
- Quantitative Reasoning
- Personal Qualities
- Social Reasoning

NCREL - North Central Regional Education Laboratory

Digital Age Literacy

- Basic, scientific, economic and technological literacy
- Visual literacy and information literacy
- Multicultural literacy and global awareness

Inventive Thinking

- Adaptability and managing complexity
- Self-direction
- Curiosity, creativity, and risk taking
- Higher-order thinking and sound reasoning

Effective Communication

- Teaming, collaboration and interpersonal skills
- Self-direction
- Personal, social, and civic responsibility
- Interactive communication

High Productivity

- Prioritizing, planning and managing for results
- Effective use of real world tools
- Ability to produce relevant, high-quality products

National Association for Independent Schools

- Analytical and Creative Thinking and Problem Solving
- Complex Communication - Oral and Written
- Leadership and Teamwork
- Digital and Quantitative Literacy
- Global Perspective
- Adaptability, Initiative and Risk-Taking
- Integrity and Ethical Decision Making

New Tech Network

- Technology Literacy
- Citizenship and Ethics
- Critical Thinking
- Career Preparation
- Collaboration
- Written Communication
- Oral Communication
- Curricular Literacy

Coalition of Essential Schools - Habits of Mind

- Perspective
- Analysis
- Imagination
- Empathy
- Communication
- Commitment
- Humility
- Joy