

21st Century Skills Professional Development

The elements described below are essential to produce professional development training that secures 21st Century Skill outcomes for students.

1. Highlights ways teachers can seize opportunities for integrating 21st Century skill tools and teaching strategies into their classroom practice and help them identify what activities they can replace or de-emphasize.
2. Balances direct instruction with project oriented teaching methods.
3. Illustrates how a deeper understanding of subject matter can actually enhance problem solving, critical thinking and other 21st century skills.
4. Enables 21st Century professional learning communities to model the kind of classroom learning that best promotes 21st century skills for students.
5. Cultivates teachers' ability to identify students' particular learning styles, intelligences, strengths and weaknesses.
6. Helps teachers develop their abilities to use various strategies to reach diverse students and create environments that support differentiated teaching and learning.
7. Supports the continuous evaluation of students' 21st century skills development.
8. Encourages knowledge sharing among the practitioners using face –to- face, virtual and blended communication.
9. Uses a scalable and sustainable model of professional development.