



## PARTNERSHIP FOR 21ST CENTURY SKILLS

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### **The Partnership for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills Releases English ICT Literacy Map**

*Newest Tool in the Series Illustrates the Integration of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills into the Core Subject of English*

**WASHINGTON – October 27, 2004** – The leading alliance on 21<sup>st</sup> century skills today released the English Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Literacy Map, providing educators with a framework for integrating 21<sup>st</sup> century skills with the core academic subject of English. The Partnership – a coalition of Apple, Cable in the Classroom, Cisco Systems, Inc., Dell Inc., Microsoft Corporation, National Education Association, SAP, Texas Instruments and Time Warner Foundation – is committed to helping educators prepare students for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

"The powerful combination of knowledge and 21<sup>st</sup> century skills will give students what they need to master a number of subject areas," said John Wilson, vice chairman for the Partnership and executive director of the National Education Association. "The Partnership is pleased to join the National Council of Teachers of English in developing a practical tool that shows educators how to enhance their lessons with the newest technology and help their students succeed in school and in life."

The English ICT Literacy Map was designed in cooperation with the National Council of Teachers of English and illustrates how teachers can develop English lessons that combine learning skills, such as thinking and problem solving, with 21<sup>st</sup> century tools, such as the Internet and multi-media production tools. The tool guides K-12 educators through a wide range of learning skill examples, as emphasized in the Partnership's report, *Learning for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. Specific student outcomes demonstrating ICT Literacy success are provided for grades four, eight and 12.

"We are excited to work with the Partnership for 21st Century Skills on such a timely and important issue for all educators," said Dale Allender, associate executive director for the National Council of Teachers of English and director of NCTE West at the University of California, Berkeley. "The English ICT Literacy Map provides educators with a valuable tool that will assist in developing lesson plans that combine learning skills with 21st century tools - the result of which is progressively more challenging learning results for students."

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“In a world where the availability of data and information continue to grow at an ever increasing rate, it will be critical for students to not only master content in core academic subjects, but also master learning skills, including information and media literacy skills,” said Douglas Levin, board member for the Partnership and director of Education Policy for Cable in the Classroom. “Our series of ICT Literacy Maps support teachers in making this transition to 21<sup>st</sup> century teaching and learning and, ultimately, assist students in learning *how* to learn new content.”

The English ICT Literacy Map is the third in a series of ICT Literacy Maps. The ICT Literacy Maps for geography and mathematics are currently available to educators to assist them in integrating 21<sup>st</sup> century skills into curricula. The Partnership plans to release the science ICT Literacy Map later this year. All of the Partnership’s resources are freely available at [www.21stcenturyskills.org](http://www.21stcenturyskills.org).

### **About the Partnership for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills**

The Partnership for 21st Century Skills is a unique alliance of education, business and government leaders working to fully address the education needs and challenges of work and life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The Partnership currently has nine member organizations: Apple, Cable in the Classroom, Cisco Systems, Inc., Dell Inc., Microsoft Corporation, National Education Association, SAP, Texas Instruments and Time Warner Foundation.

Based in Washington, DC and Tucson, Arizona, the Partnership for 21st Century Skills is administered by Infotech Strategies. The Partnership for 21st Century Skills is a tax-exempt 501 (c) 3 organization. More information can be found at [www.21stcenturyskills.org](http://www.21stcenturyskills.org).

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