



Route 21: An Interactive Guide to 21st Century Learning

Route 21: An Interactive Guide to 21st Century Learning is a collection of web-based tools designed to support and promote achievement of ICT literacy and 21st century skills. Developed and maintained by the Partnership for 21st Century Skills, *Route 21: An Interactive Guide*, presents a dynamic look at highlighted examples, resources, recommendations, tools and recommended goals in each of nine key areas that support a coherent framework for 21st century education:

- **Vision** – Embrace a powerful vision of public education that includes 21st century skills, professional development and ICT Literacy in order to develop plans and programs that prepare students for the 21st century.
- **Stakeholders** – Align leadership, management and resources with educational goals in order to engage all stakeholders in helping assure that students participate in a 21st century education.
- **Self-Assessment** – Use the Partnership’s tool to conduct self-assessments of 21st century skills in order to help gauge an organization’s current capacity for preparing students to succeed in the 21st century.
- **ICT Literacy** – Develop priorities for attaining and promoting 21st century skills including ICT Literacy based on the results of the self-assessments in order to help determine short- and long-term goals.
- **Professional Development** – Develop a professional development strategy that supports ICT Literacy and 21st century skills in order to assure that teachers and education leaders can effectively model ICT Literacy in schools and in the classroom.
- **Equitable Access** – Plan and strategize to provide educators and administrators with knowledge, tools and resources in order to assure that all students have equitable access to a 21st century education.
- **21st Century Assessment** – Incorporate new and inventive ways of using assessments that map directly to student achievement, ICT Literacy and core subjects in order to support learning and mastery of learning skills using 21st century tools.
- **Collaboration** – Collaborate with outside partners in order to create effective partnership programs, resources and expertise that promote ICT Literacy and 21st century skills.
- **Capacity Building** – Plan strategically for continuous improvement in order to sustain forward momentum in the transition to 21st century classrooms.

Route 21: An Interactive Guide to 21st Century Learning is the result of thousands of hours of research, development and feedback from educators and business leaders across the nation. The tool is available at www.21stcenturyskills.org/route21.

The Partnership for 21st Century Skills – a coalition of Apple, Cable in the Classroom, Cisco Systems, Inc., Dell, Intel, Junior Achievement, Microsoft Corporation, National Education Association, SAP, Texas Instruments Inc., Time Warner, Inc. and Verizon – is committed to helping educators prepare students for success in the 21st century.