

21st Century Change Imperatives

- ▶ How do we prepare students for the citizenship, college, and careers of the millennium?
- ▶ What are the implications of the need for 21st century skills?
- ▶ Which frameworks can help educators examine and enhance their practice?

21st Century Learning

21st century learning is focused on a blend of specific skills, content knowledge, expertise, literacies, and innovative support systems to help students master the multi-dimensional abilities required of them in the 21st century. Not providing students with opportunities to develop 21st century skills and proficiencies will create “a disconnect” between the innovative jobs being created and the skills of the workforce.

*(Report on the American workforce:
Message from the Secretary of Labor, 2010).*

Frameworks

- ▶ *The Leading Edge* series includes resources from DuFour, Reeves, Fullan, Eaker, Schmoker, November, and Hargreaves
 1. Professional Learning Communities
 2. Assessment to Transform Learning
 3. Change Wars
 4. Highly Effective Instruction
 5. 21st Century Skills: Rethinking How Students Learn

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“Changes in educational missions and methods are necessary if schooling is to remain relevant, and will adequately prepare our children to live and work in the 21st century.”

(McTigue and Seif, p. 171, 2010).

