21st CENTURY LEARNING SKILLS IN EDUCATION

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Now that we are facing the 21st century, it is just right that we emphasize the skills which are needed in our society. These skills are much demanded in the global challenges and competitions. These skills will open the minds of the students to greater learning and these will build more opportunities to the discovery of the truth in order to create better perspectives and to conform with what the modern society needs and these skills manifest productive changes.

Students must acquire the necessary learning skills that will contribute much to their development and progress namely: critical thinking, creative thinking, collaborating and communicating.

Critical Thinking is a skill wherein the learner should analyze things by scrutinizing and verifying the validity of facts or information. Moreover, it is the way that leads the students to go deeper on the meaning and essence of ideas. This assists the student to be more interested and more curious on the veracity of any notion or idea.

Creative Thinking is the skill wherein the student expands his/her horizon in doing various school activities. It is a matter of adding color and spice to the plain undertaking and making it more vibrant and appealing. It is a matter of making a change on basic idea and presenting in such a way that it will more interesting and innovative. It develops the learner to think out of the box and create a new product.

Collaborating is the skill wherein the student should learn to share, discuss and synthesize ideas together. It is working with the group harmoniously and with the target of creating one common idea for the benefit of all. The student will be shaped to
be more cooperative and patient to accept and consider the ideas of others which are important and relevant to the progress of the group.

Communicating is the skill wherein the learner is trained to convey ideas and information efficiently and effectively to others. It is a way that teaches the students to transmit data, facts and figures to people in the best way they can. Furthermore, it also incorporates certain strategies which may hone the learners to be an excellent in terms of speaking and writing.

These are the essential learning skills which must be assimilated and learned by the 21st century students. They are the instruments in embarking in much high level of learning. The students are trained to think further and to soar higher by having independent minds to discover and infer things for better education.

Bill Beattie avowed with these skills by his thought, to mention: “The aim of education should be to teach us rather how to think, than what to think — rather to improve our minds, so as to enable us to think for ourselves, than to load the memory with thoughts of other men.”

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