THE SKILLS OF THE 21ST CENTURY TEACHER

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The 21st century teacher is the one who possesses with communication skills, learning and innovation skills, information, media and technology skills and life and career skills in contributing to the development of 21st century learners.

A teacher in the 21st century must have effective communication skills. There should be collaboration, teaming, interactive communication, and interpersonal skills. A 21st century teacher also has the learning and innovation skills. It includes creativity, curiosity and critical thinking problem solving skills and risk taking. The 21st century teacher should acquire life and career skills that are the basic needs in this time of teaching. It embraces flexibility, adaptability, leadership, responsibility, productivity, accountability, and ethical, moral, and spiritual values. A 21st century teachers must possess information, media, and technology skills. It manifests several literacies aspects such as visual that interprets, makes meaning from information presented in the form of an image, information that identifies what information is needed, locate the best sources of information for a given need and evaluates the sources critically, media that analyzes the messages that inform, entertain and sell to us every day, scientific that encompasses written, numerical and digital literacy as they pertain to understanding science, economic that applies basic economic concepts in situations relevant to one’s life and technological that uses computers in improving learning, productivity and performance.

In a nutshell, the 21st century teacher is highly collaborative, a lifelong learner, is accountable for results and is information, media, and technology literate.
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