

Appendix C

Interdisciplinary and 21st Century Skills

INTERGRATING 21ST CENTURY THEMES & SKILLS

As today's students enter into an increasingly global economy, it is important that they have a diverse range of skills to succeed. The Partnership for 21st Century Skills, a national organization that advocates for 21st century readiness for every student, has developed a Framework for 21st Century Learning. This document fuses the traditional 3Rs of Reading, wRiting and aRithmetic.

Teachers will easily be able to integrate 21st Century skills into daily instruction through the following framework:

- Build thematic instruction based up real-world tasks and authentic sources
- Instruction is learner-centered; students take responsibility for the learning and creation of new content.
- Technology is integrated with instruction and assessment to support and enhance learning
- Instruction and assessment and differentiated to meet the needs of individual learners.
- Assessment is focused on what students can do; students know what they will be asked to do and how they will be assessed.
- Instruction and assessment focuses on the comparisons between the products, practices, and perspectives of the target skills and concepts.
- Students explore opportunities to use content related skills outside of the classroom.