

Creating 21st Century New Jersey Schools

A conversation with

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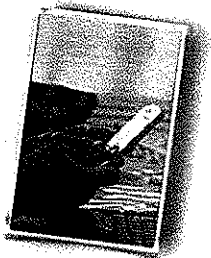
Today's high school students will graduate into a world very different from the one in which most of their parents and teachers grew up, due to rapid technological, economic and social changes across the globe. What kinds of skills are needed to prepare New Jersey's students for success in college, in the workplace and as active citizens in the 21st century? What are New Jersey public schools doing to prepare students as critical thinkers and problem solvers who can effectively connect, collaborate and compete in today's global society?

The New Jersey Department of Education invites you to watch:

A Conversation with Lucille E. Davy, Commissioner of Education and Alan November available at:

http://cie.kean.edu/CIE/21st_century_videos.html

During this seven minute clip, Alan November, national expert on teaching and learning, and Commissioner Davy discuss what have been identified by American businesses as the critical skills needed for jobs and careers in the 21st century. Information is also provided on Department of Education initiatives created to guide schools in preparing students that are college and career ready. New Jersey schools view parents as valuable partners who inspire their children to achieve and offer support in the education process. This communication is an effort to keep parents informed about the goals of the New Jersey public education system to prepare an engaged citizenry, who are responsible and caring adults and productive members of a world class workforce.



How should you introduce yourself in the 21st century?

We are at a pivotal moment for our democracy and for our education system. The key to taking advantage of opportunities is creating a highly skilled citizenry that has deep knowledge of history, science, English, math, the arts and other core subjects and can adapt to unforeseen circumstances, work in teams, innovate and communicate. Today's blinding pace of change makes acquiring 21st century skills (creativity, critical thinking, problem solving and others) – in tandem with mastering a rigorous core curriculum – an absolute necessity for every person.

Only forceful and forward-thinking leadership from all stakeholders – parents, educators, business executives, and national, state and local policymakers – can effect the reform essential to meeting so great a challenge.



21ST CENTURY SKILLS:
It's what the future demands, and what we should demand for our children.



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