



LifeSmarts

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LifeSmarts Provides 21st Century Skills

What Are 21st Century Skills?

21st century skills refer to the knowledge, life skills, career skills, habits, and traits that are critically important to student success in today's world, particularly as students move on to college, the workforce, and adult life.

These include:

- Critical thinking
- Communication skills including listening and speaking
- Creativity
- Problem solving
- Perseverance and efficiency
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Information literacy including information security
- Technology skills and digital literacy
- Media literacy
- Global awareness
- Self-direction and productivity
- Social skills
- Literacy skills
- Civic literacy
- Social responsibility
- Innovation skills
- Thinking skills including big picture thinking
- Integrity
- Work ethic and productivity
- Conflict resolution
- Respect for diversity
- Career and life management
- Continuous learning
- Adaptability
- Workplace safety

How does LifeSmarts address these?

- The team concept in LifeSmarts provides students with valuable lessons in working as a team and developing social skills; the program promotes leadership development, encourages critical thinking, allows teams to work through conflicts and solve problems, rewards collaboration, develops communication skills (including listening and speaking), and reinforces soft skills such as perseverance, efficiency and adaptability.
- Community service projects promote continuous learning, social responsibility, civic literacy, communication skills, global awareness, respect for diversity, and the ability to actively engage with one's community and explore leadership and autonomy.
- Various LifeSmarts special competitions supported by our expert sponsors encourage creativity, innovation skills, media literacy, global awareness, self-direction and productivity.
- A concentrated focus on workforce preparation fosters the development of work ethic and productivity, career and life management, workplace safety including personal health and safety, and technology skills and digital literacy.
- Lessons plans in LifeSmarts U, online quizzing and online competitions, and independent online learning activities develop self-direction and productivity, thinking skills including big picture thinking, integrity, continuous learning, information literacy including information security, and technology skills and digital literacy.