

## TRANSFORMING THE SCHOOL FOR THE 21ST CENTURY LEARNERS

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Since we are living in the Digital Age, it is just right that we suit the kind of school to our learners. The school should be well-transformed for the improvement of the 21st Century learners. To achieve a total school transformation, certain school facets must be fully realized.

Realizing school vision and mission. School transformation entails the realization of the vision and mission. The vision sets the clear picture of the school while the mission involves the actions in further serving the 21st Century learners. The school therefore should be the citadel of quality instructions and the sanctuary of excellent learning experiences. Thus, transforming the school into a better place to study may be made possible by fulfilling the vision and implementing the mission.

Utilizing innovative and creative teaching. Innovative and creative way of teaching should be employed in the school nowadays. The obsolete and passé instructions are no longer applicable. One way to transform the school for the sake of the 21st learners is to introduce innovations in teaching through the latest teaching methods, pedagogies, strategies and techniques. On the other hand, creativity is manifested in various classroom learning activities.

Providing adequate and advanced school facilities. The 21st Century learners need sufficient materials, rooms and buildings for the sake of better education. School facilities are vital in achieving quality education for the youth of today. To make learning more fruitful and enjoyable good amenities are required.

Assigning highly competent school educators. If teachers are designated to their line of specialization and are allowed to grow professionally then the effects and benefits would be for the learners. The teaching force is very essential in the transfer of knowledge, skills and abilities to the 21st Century learners.

Offering complete school programs and projects. The varied programs and projects in the school are adding spices to the school. These are realized for the betterment of the students and of the entire school as well. Both programs and projects introduce improvement and enhancement.

Endowing technologically-progressive instruction. Transforming the school involves the presence of technology. Technology can speed up the school instructions and operations. Technologically-progressive instruction is part and parcel in the school success.

Ensuring safe and hazard free surroundings. The school should be safe and hazard free. The school should be protecting each student and seeing to it that every learner is free from peril or any form of threat.

Observing Child-friendly environment. Adhering to the Child Protection Policy and Anti-Bullying Act, the school should be child-friendly. Each student should be free from physical and verbal abuses. The school should be a picture of a happy and safe environment.

Assuring well-supportive internal and external stakeholders. Part of school transformation is establishing support from the internal and external stakeholders. The support from these people will help the school achieve success in all its undertakings.

Producing extremely competitive students. The school should be the center of excellence. Being the center of excellence it should be able to hone competitive students dealing with academic and co-curricular challenges.

Having left the old paradigm and embrace the new paradigm will absolutely transform the school into a better place to learn and excel.

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