

21ST CENTURY EDUCATION

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We have left the past century where students sat passively at their chair listening to the teacher lecture all day known as traditional teaching. They learned how to read, write and effectively communicate ideas. These are important but the way in which our pupils learn has changed because of all technological advances that have occurred. The learners achieve learning while exploring the technology. The Department of Education continuously paves way to improve the education in our country. The department provide the needs including the gadgets and equipment for the benefit of our pupils. Our pupils no longer just read a book, write an essay and memorize some poems. Today, our pupils are engaged in the content to understand how things work.

As teachers, we integrate different skills in our everyday lessons so that our pupils can grow and expand their knowledge. We create spaces so that their can create and collaborate whether it is physical space or virtual. We expect them to be good citizen using devices properly. And we expect them to learn, grow and then reflect that learning these are part of being 21st century learners. In terms of integrating technology, it is important to add it into classroom teaching to boost the interest of our pupils. Especially in the lower grades, pupils are amazed of ICT-related materials.

We keep on talking about 21st century skills that our learners need to acquire. As stated by Hallerman et al. (2019), a 21st century education is one that responds to the economical, technological, and societal shifts that are happening at an ever-increasing pace. It's an education that sets children up to succeed in a world where more than half of the jobs they'll have over their careers don't even exist yet..

But as part of reflection, how can our pupils acquire skills if we, the teachers don't have the necessary skills and abilities in order for us to pass it to them. Teachers nowadays are being trained to cope with our society's fast growing technology to be able to face challenges and demands of the 21st century education. Certainly, we have to keep abreast of the demands of times.

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