

DEVELOPING FUTURE-READY LEARNERS

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Future-ready learning is all about developing lifelong skills that can be used in a variety of contexts. A successful education system develops future-ready learners who can continue to learn after graduation, take on future lifework, and thrive in the future society and environment. Thus, school leaders are responsible for creating environments and implementing practices that are essential for future-ready outcomes. Meanwhile, teachers should provide a positive and inclusive approach to their classrooms and implement appropriate strategies to develop skills that can be applied in real-life situations.

According to Bednar, Kelsey (2020), there are four (4) ways to build your students' futureready skills including; (a) include future-ready skill outcomes in assessments, to accomplish this, they encourage for the inclusion of more performance-based assessment items that require the use of a variety of 21st century skills in context, as well as the creation of formative assessment rubrics and checklists to assist teachers in "assessing student mastery of 21st century skills in ways that impact, inform, and improve learning in real time.", (b) design instruction in a way that supports the achievements of those outcomes, after converting desired 21st-century skill outcomes into assessment items, teachers should design instruction to support achievement of those outcomes, (c) creating a classroom environment that supports the development of future ready skills and engages students is also critical, and lastly (d) modeling and encouraging classroom discussion around each skill can help students better grasp not just the definition of each skill, but what it might look and sound like in practice as well.

Finally, we must empower students to take ownership of their learning by increasing motivation, engagement, and initiative, allowing them to take responsibility for their learning and prepare them to face real-life challenges with the suitable assistance and guidance of the educational agency.

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