

Survival Skills

Survival Skills are the 21st Century skills that are sometimes less tangible and not explicitly taught. They ground the work of Quests. Review the list below and consider 2 or 3 Survival Skills most relevant for your Quest that **you will explicitly teach and specifically assess**. After deciding on the Survival Skill(s) you'll then choose [indicators](#) that are observational.

Critical Thinking and Problem Solving is a habit of mind characterized by the comprehensive exploration of issues, ideas, artifacts, and events as well as applying knowledge and skills in practical ways to solve real world problems.

Collaboration across networks is the ability to work together with diverse groups to facilitate the exchange of ideas to achieve a goal, make decisions, and solve problems. **Leading with influence** is the ability to generate results collaboratively, in a variety of contexts without direct authority.

Agility and adaptability is being able to constantly adjust to changing demands by using a variety of tools to solve complex problems with responsiveness and flexibility. Handling disruption, rapid transformation, and reorganization of information is necessary for 21st century learning: "Learning to be comfortable with being uncomfortable".

Initiative and Entrepreneurship denote creative, inventive and resourceful ways individuals use to solve problems, search out, and strive for new innovations.

Oral communication is a prepared, purposeful presentation designed to increase knowledge, to foster understanding, or to promote change in the listeners' attitudes, values, beliefs, or behaviors.

Written communication is the development and expression of ideas in writing. Written communication involves learning to work in many genres and styles. It can involve working with many different writing technologies, and mixing texts data, and images. Written communication abilities develop through iterative experiences across the curriculum.

Accessing and analyzing information is the ability to know when there is a need for information and how to identify, locate, evaluate and effectively use that information for solving problems.

Curiosity and imagination is the capacity to synthesize existing ideas and to work creatively in ways characterized by innovation and divergent thinking.