

How do you ensure student **success** for the Digital Age?

The Partnership for School Innovation



Students are facing a rapidly-evolving world that demands a highly competent and innovative workforce. Their ability to succeed depends on what they are taught and how instruction is designed, delivered, managed and assessed in your school.

Working with Teaching Matters' Partnership for School Innovation will help ensure your students' success in the digital age.

Imagining the 21st Century School

In the developing vision of the 21st Century School, **student outcomes guide every aspect of the instructional program**. Aiming far beyond basic competencies and higher scores on standardized tests, the 21st Century School is a dynamic learning environment where:

- Instruction is designed to raise student understanding of academic content and contemporary issues
- Creativity, critical thinking, problem-solving and collaboration are all embedded in the teaching process
- Students become skilled, literate users of information technology and new media
- Successful student outcomes are achieved by taking strategic advantage of innovative methods made possible by 21st century technology

*"A lot of people talk about 21st century schools, but Teaching Matters is **really helping us** become one."*

*—Mary Padilla
Principal PS 5
Bronx, NY*

Your Vision. Our Approach: Innovating Together

How do you create an innovative learning environment where students learn to think and communicate with greater proficiency and more imagination than ever before? Where do you turn for support?

Through the Partnership for School Innovation, Teaching Matters brings together schools committed to pursuing the vision and turning it into reality. **Our commitment is to help these schools develop the skills, processes and infrastructure they need to succeed in the digital age**, supporting school leadership with comprehensive programs and services in three key areas.

Advancing Your Vision

For most school leaders, the 21st Century School is still a distant vision. For some, it already exists in their classrooms, administrative offices and school infrastructure. By joining Teaching Matters' Partnership for School Innovation, you will have an opportunity to visit those model schools, interact with other partners at leadership institutes and forums, and **take advantage of Teaching Matters' expertise in instructional and technology planning.**

Through these programs and resources, you will develop a fuller understanding of the opportunities that exist, the challenges you face, the skills and technology you need to acquire, the standards you need to meet, and the steps you need to take to advance your vision.

Partnership Programs:

- *Innovation Roadmap:*
Plan your 21st Century School
- *The Innovative Principal:*
Attend Leadership Institutes & Forums
- *Innovation Field Trips:*
Visit model 21st century schools

Building Capacity

The 21st Century School cannot be built overnight. While new technology enables innovative methods of assessing skills, planning curriculum, managing learning and individualizing instruction, the ultimate goal of **student success can only be ensured when teachers are prepared** to implement innovations effectively.

We build your school's capacity with model digital curricula programs that improve core and 21st century skills. Our partnership usually lasts three to five years and includes: onsite instructional and technology coaching, off-site teacher institutes, infrastructure planning and set-up. Our approach equips your staff to assume a leadership role in the development and delivery of 21st century instruction.

Partnership Programs:

- *The Innovative Teacher:*
Tailoring instruction
- *Writing Matters:*
Literacy for digital natives
- *Voices & Choices:*
21st century citizenship
- *Using Data for Meaningful Change²*
- *Technovations:*
Open source solutions for innovation & savings

Demonstrating Results

What gets measured gets done. If we only measure basic skills, we are unlikely to teach the creativity, collaboration, problem solving or critical thinking skills required for success in the 21st century.

As we help you develop the capacity to utilize automated assessment tools for measuring basic skills, we also work with you to develop performance-based assessments. The showcasing of student work via online portfolios, publishing tools and student events is a key component of Teaching Matters' approach to outcomes assessment in the 21st Century School. The balance between core and 21st century skills is consistent from curriculum planning to assessment.

Partnership Programs:

- *Assessment Matters:*
Track 21st century skills with digital portfolios (coming soon)
- *Success Matters:*
Showcase student success at our Civil Rights Summit, Spoken Word and Constitution Town Hall events

*“Teaching Matters’ approach is not about teaching technology, it’s about helping educators **teach kids to think.**”*

*–Joel Klein
Chancellor, New York City
Department of Education*

*“Thank you for bringing a 40 years+ educator out of the Dark Ages and into the **New Millennium.**”*

*–Betty-Ann S. Fougatakis
IS 281*

*“It’s a challenge to make gains on tests and still prepare kids with critical thinking and technological skills for their futures. Teaching Matters has been **a true partner to our success.**”*

*–Patrick Burns
Principal
IS 217, Queens*

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