

21st Century Rubrics: Indicators & Exemplars

1. Collection of Information	
Indicator	4 - Excellent
A. Access information	Uses a wide variety of reliable digital and print sources to research, access, and apply relevant, detailed information in a highly effective manner.
B. Organize information	Organizes information and data competently and completely in an effective framework that allows for easy access and application.
C. Evaluate sources	Always selects appropriate, authoritative, and reliable sources using established criteria.
D. Use information	Consistently interprets and applies relevant information in an accurate and creative way.
E. Align solution with task	Completely satisfies original purpose with clear alignment between task and end product.
F. Cite all sources accurately	Cites all sources thoroughly using appropriate formats with no evidence of plagiarism.

2. Collaboration	
Indicator	4 - Excellent
A. Show independent initiative	Takes personal responsibility for learning, identifies appropriate work strategies, meets all deadlines, and finishes task completely.
B. Assume shared responsibility	Actively participates in group tasks, demonstrates effective leadership, and values the contributions of all group members.
C. Assist others in their roles	Improves the quality of group work by listening actively, cooperating with all members, and consistently assisting others in their roles.
D. Contribute ideas	Constructively contributes ideas and actively encourages others to offer their ideas as well.
E. Keep an open mind	Is open to input from all group members, seeks to understand new or different ideas, and adapts appropriately to unforeseen challenges.
F. Apply strategies	Applies appropriate strategies to improve group efforts and ensure completion of the task.
G. Take a variety of roles	Positively and constructively assumes and supports a variety of roles in the group.
H. Tolerate different viewpoints	Effectively balances differing viewpoints and mediates conflicts to reach workable solutions in a diverse environment.

3. Communication	
Indicator	4 - Excellent
A. Listen actively	Listens attentively and shows strong understanding of meaning, values, attitudes, and intentions.
B. Express ideas	Articulates thoughts and ideas effectively using oral, written, and nonverbal communication skills in a variety of forms and contexts.
C. Use a variety of techniques	Uses a variety of techniques to effectively solve complex communication problems.
D. Select appropriate media	Uses a variety of communication tools for a range of purposes. Thoughtfully selects strategies to align with message, audience, and purpose.
E. Use multiple forms of media	Appropriately selects multiple forms of media to communicate effectively in multilingual and diverse environments.

4. Creativity	
Indicator	4 - Excellent
A. Know personal creative process	Is aware of own personal creative process and the environments that enhance or inhibit creativity.
B. Generate ideas	Uses a wide variety of techniques and approaches to develop multiple innovative solutions to a problem or to generate new and creative ideas.
C. Maximize creative efforts	Consistently revisits work and self-evaluates in order to maximize creativity and originality.
D. Consider feedback	Is open and responsive to new and diverse perspectives. Incorporates group input and feedback into the work.
E. Demonstrate originality	Consistently demonstrates originality and inventiveness in work, and understands the real world limits to adopting new ideas.
F. Learn from mistakes	Despite setbacks, always demonstrates a positive attitude, an eagerness to take on new challenges, and the ability to learn from mistakes.

5. Critical Thinking	
Indicator	4 - Excellent
A. Ask clarifying questions	Poses relevant, perceptive clarifying questions and adjusts consistently.
B. Analyze complex systems	Analyzes complex systems in a manner that is consistently organized, insightful, relevant, and organized.
C. Evaluate evidence	Accurately and effectively evaluates claims, evidence, and beliefs.
D. Justify arguments	Effectively applies and clearly justifies the use of data and evidence in the support of claims.
E. Draw conclusions	Interprets information and draws conclusions based on comprehensive, effective analysis.
F. Reflect on learning	Reflects critically on learning experiences and problem solving processes to improve and face new challenges.
G. Transfer problem-solving skills	Seeks out and solves a variety of non-familiar problems in both conventional and innovative ways.

6. Character	
Indicator	4 - Excellent
A. Show consideration	Always acts responsibly with the interests of the larger community in mind.
B. Respect everyone	Consistently shows respect for all members of the community and for personal property.
C. Show concern for others	Actively discourages abusive behavior and clearly expresses concern for others.
D. Embrace diversity	Fully embraces diversity and highly values all identities and cultures.
E. Maintain positive values	Always acts consistently with personal and community values.