

Educators

This school year West Virginia added world-class rigor to traditional core subjects and aligned state standards with national and international standards. We call it Global21.

How do we measure student progress in the 21st century?

- Adding rigor to what students learn is not about making tests harder. Instead, 21st century learning challenges students to excel in core classes as well as learn real-world skills such as working in teams, problem solving and critical thinking.
- Assessing learning is an integral part of the learning process:
 - ❖ Gauge student thinking, reasoning and communication skills through
 - journaling
 - one-on-one conferences
 - student use of rubrics
 - peer review against standards of performance
 - ❖ Monitor student learning by
 - using classroom assessments for learning
 - utilizing classroom benchmarking
 - administering quarterly tests
 - applying re-teach concepts
 - determining mastery of content, learning skills and technology tools objectives
- State, national and international assessments, such as WESTEST 2, NAEP, ACT, SAT, PISA and TIMSS, are used to ensure West Virginia students are competitive.
- Global21 includes a more challenging assessment in WESTEST 2. Because of the added rigor, it may take time before some students perform as well as they did on previous state standardized tests.

In the 21st century learning environment as educators you will

- assess student mastery of Content Standards and Objectives (CSOs) through a variety of student work – presentations; performances; products; informal assessments and learning experiences; district tests; and state, national and international tests;
- provide students with opportunities to work collaboratively with adults from outside the school, such as business and community members, to better understand the real-world application of skills and concepts identified within the adopted CSOs;
- use a variety of indicators when evaluating students for post secondary opportunities.

What should I do?

- Make a personal commitment to learn and understand all of the components of 21st century learning, teaching and testing.
- Visit global21.k12.wv.us for more information about Content Standards and Objectives and 21st century assessments.
- Visit the Teach 21 Web site at <http://wvde.state.wv.us/teach21> to access model lessons, unit plans, instructional guides and Project Based Learning unites that provide examples of 21st century instruction.
- Become an advocate for student learning in the 21st century and help parents and students understand the expectations of WESTEST 2 and potential outcomes.
- Be proactive in transforming your classroom into a 21st century learning center.
- Invite representatives of business and industry into the school to support 21st century learning and instruction.
- Invite senior citizens to volunteer in schools to support increased student performance.

