



Massachusetts Department of
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School Reform in the New Millennium:
Preparing All Children for 21st Century Success

Recommendations from the
Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education's
Task Force on 21st Century Skills

- **Educator Training and Development:** Overhaul the state's teacher training and professional development programs to recruit and retain high achieving educators who have a background in and up-to-date knowledge of 21st century skills.
- **Standards:** Raise the state's bar on rigor by embedding 21st century skills and content through the Commonwealth's curriculum frameworks in every subject.
- **Assessment:** Become a national leader in assessment by integrating the measurement of 21st century skills throughout the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS).
- **Accountability:** Hold teachers, administrators and the state accountable for incorporating 21st century skills into the curriculum in a complementary way and hold students accountable for learning them.
- **Demonstration Vehicles:**
 - Establish up to five 21st Century Districts and up to ten 21st Century Schools
 - Expand the number of Expanded Learning Time Schools to 100 or more
 - Establish the "Creative Teaching Partners Initiative," and strive to place up to 1,000 artists, scientists and/or engineers-in-residence in schools part-time over the next five years

For full report go to <http://www.doe.mass.edu/news/news.asp?id=4429>

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