



“Today more than ever, individuals must be able to perform non-routine, creative tasks if they are to succeed. While skills like self-direction, creativity, critical thinking, and innovation may not be new to the 21st century, they are newly relevant in an age where the ability to excel at non-routine work is not only rewarded, but expected as a basic requirement. Whether a high school graduate plans to enter the workforce directly, or attend a vocational school, community college, or university, it is a requirement to be able to think critically, solve problems, communicate, collaborate, find good information quickly, and use technology effectively. These are today’s survival skills—not only for career success, but for personal and civic quality of life as well.”

EDUCATOR PREPARATION: A VISION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY
American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (AACTE)
and the Partnership for 21st Century Skills (P21)

The School District of New Berlin understands that the demands of the workplace are changing and that the nature of student experience has changed outside of school. Our students need to become effective citizens with lifelong learning skills in order to remain competitive in today’s world market. We believe that our students must be able to:

- ❑ Solve Real World Problems - anything required to be done, or requiring the doing of something that is perplexing or difficult with application to a given setting
- ❑ Self-Reflect - careful thought about your own behavior and beliefs
- ❑ Effectively collaborate - to work jointly with others or together
- ❑ Communicate across Contexts – the ability to effectively send and receive information interpersonally and in groups
- ❑ Think Critically - the mental process of actively and skillfully conceptualizing, applying, analyzing, synthesizing, and evaluating information to reach an answer or conclusion
- ❑ Innovate - to introduce something new; make changes in anything established.
- ❑ Be Flexible - susceptible of modification or adaptation
- ❑ Be Self Directed - a purpose or orientation toward a goal that serves to guide or motivate
- ❑ Be Creative - the ability to transcend traditional ideas, rules, patterns, relationships, or the like, and to create meaningful new ideas, forms, methods, interpretations, etc.