GENERAL MATERIALS ON 21ST CENTURY EDUCATION

THE LEADER’S GUIDE TO 21ST CENTURY EDUCATION: 7 STEPS FOR SCHOOLS AND DISTRICTS
by Ken Kay and Valerie Greenhill
This is a timely new resource on preparing students for the challenges of the 21st century. The Leader’s Guide prescribes and inspires the leading of schools and teachers to organize and implement the 4Cs (critical thinking, collaboration, communication, creativity) of 21st century school change.

EDLEADER21 4CS RUBRICS
This nationally-vetted set of rubrics for the 4Cs - critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity - are designed to support school and district efforts to integrate 4Cs assessment strategies into teaching and learning systems. This master set of rubrics covers grades 3-4, 7-8 and 11-12 in each of the 4Cs. Find the rubrics at www.edleader21.com/order.php

OECD TEST FOR SCHOOLS IMPLEMENTATION TOOLKIT
published by EdLeader21
With support of the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, EdLeader21 has developed a free toolkit to support the use of the OECD Test for Schools (based on PISA) to advance school and district transformation. http://edleader21.com/index.php?page=27

21ST CENTURY SKILLS: RETHINKING HOW STUDENTS LEARN
edited by James Bellanca and Ron Brandt
A wonderful compendium of materials on a wide array of topics related to 21st century education. The forward is written by Ken Kay.

21ST CENTURY SKILLS: LEARNING FOR LIFE IN OUR TIMES
by Bernie Trilling and Charles Fadel
This book does an excellent job of explaining the need for a new model of education for the 21st century.

THE GLOBAL ACHIEVEMENT GAP
by Tony Wagner
This book does a great job of explaining what businesses expect from young people. It is a terrific window into what the expectations of the 21st century workforce are likely to be for your child.

CATCHING UP OR LEADING THE WAY: AMERICAN EDUCATION IN THE AGE OF GLOBALIZATION
by Yong Zhao
This is another important book about what the essential elements of education are in the new global economy.
CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION

A WHOLE NEW MIND
by Daniel Pink
This book emphasizes the importance of creativity and design in the new economy, as Pink talks about the importance of integrating “right-brained” and “left-brained” thinking. It’s a great book to share with high schools students and their parents about the importance of creativity.

CREATING INNOVATORS: THE MAKING OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WILL CHANGE THE WORLD
by Tony Wagner
This book explores successful innovators and the kind of education they received that made a difference in their lives. It then explains the attributes of those influential teachers. This will help generate a discussion on what constitutes “innovative” education.

THE ELEMENT: HOW FINDING YOUR PASSION CHANGES EVERYTHING
by Sir Ken Robinson
The Element is a breakthrough book about talent, passion, and achievement from one of the world’s leading thinkers on creativity and self-fulfillment.

SELF-DIRECTION AND MOTIVATION

DRIVE by Daniel Pink
This is a great book on what motivates people. Parents and educators will want to focus on the section on “autonomy” and the importance of helping young people self-manage and self-motivate.

GLOBAL COMPETENCE

GOING GLOBAL: PREPARING OUR STUDENTS FOR AN INTERCONNECTED WORLD
This wonderful resource for educators, created by the Asia Society, will give helpful insight into how we should prepare young people for “global” challenges.

A WORLD CLASS EDUCATION by Vivien Stewart
Designed to promote conversation about how to educate students for a rapidly changing and increasingly borderless world, this book is about understanding what the best school systems in the world are doing right.

FINANCIAL LITERACY

THE JUMP$TART COALITION
The Jump$tart Coalition website provides a wide range of resources to help schools and districts think about this essential 21st century capability.

VIDEOS

THE FOUR CS: MAKING 21ST CENTURY EDUCATION HAPPEN
This video produced by EdLeader21 and the Pearson Foundation profiles three districts that are incorporating the 4Cs in their 21st century education initiatives.

ABOVE AND BEYOND
This video produced by the Partnership for 21st Century Skills & FableVision is a wonderful animation about the importance of critical thinking, communication, collaboration & creativity.