



DOES mean:

- An integrated use of technology that enhances content
- An application to a specific unit of study
- Evidenced directly in student products and performances
 - Interdisciplinary
 - Internalized understanding and thinking skills rather than rote memorization
 - Real-World application
 - Constructivist activity
 - Critical thinking is evident

Does **NOT** mean:

- Limited and immediate use of a technological tool
 - Using the Smart Board instead of an overhead projector
 - Using a computer instead of a typewriter or paper/pencil
 - Using online traditional textbooks instead of student-driven, inquiry-based databases.

Essential Actions:

- Review all current technological tools available in the district.
- Identify at least one specific unit to revise.
- Revise the unit.
- Replace at least one specific content, skill and assessment practice with a 21st Century upgrade.
- Learn to use the tool that will replace the old content, skill or practice.
- Begin implementation with students. (Use your 21st C. Coach)
- Tolerate a certain degree of frustration (research shows that intellectual growth requires a healthy degree of frustration).
- Share the proposed change with colleagues.
- Celebrate the victories.
- Review and share 21st Century learning openly at PD and PLC sessions throughout the school year.

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