



INFOhio's 21st Century Learning Commons is an online resource for all educators to explore. It is designed to:

- Enhance 21st century learning
- Provide a technologically-advanced method to utilize INFOhio electronic resources
- Foster a sense of global community through a variety of technology and learning methods

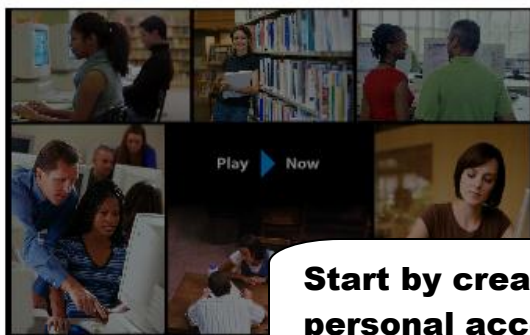
The Learning Commons provides an array of resources to help educators understand how learning has changed, adapt teaching methods and discover new ways to inspire students to think critically, solve problems, collaborate, innovate and create.

The Learning Commons also supports Ohio joining the Partnership for 21st Century Skills. The Partnership is the leading national advocacy organization focused on integrating 21st century learning into core subjects.

**We invite you to explore INFOhio's Learning Commons, join us in our mission to enhance 21st century learning. Check back frequently as this learning commons grows into a unique center of inquiry learning and an environment where everyone can access, manage, and produce information for the 21st century.**

## Get Started

INFOhio's 21st Century Learning Commons is a dynamic, content-driven and collaborative site where classroom teachers, administrators and librarians can learn more about 21st century learning skills, Web 2.0 tools, and how to prepare learners for 21st century success. All while having the opportunity to collaborate with other professionals about their study of 21st century skills and learning!



About the Learning Commons:

**Start by creating a personal account**

## Member Login

Username

Password

Remember Me

Log in

- › [Forgot your password?](#)
- › [Forgot your username?](#)
- › [Create an account](#)

Registration is **free**. As a registered member of the INFOhio 21st Century Learning Commons community you:

- Gain access to all member areas so you can explore and discover at your own pace
- Select the *21 Essential Things* so you can complete each for fun or optionally earn CEUs, certification or graduate college credit
- Have the opportunity to network and collaborate with other Learning Commons members and site facilitators
- Prepare yourself to inspire students to think critically, solve problems, collaborate, become innovative and creative by using a large online collection of K-12 resources

Click the registration icon below to become a Learning Commons member.

### How do I get started?

This course is divided into 21 self-paced modules referred to as "Things". Thing 1 is open to the public and will give you a good overview of you can expect to gain through participation in this course. To continue with Things 2 - 21, you must complete the FREE registration to become a registered Learning Commons user. As a registered user you unlock Things 2-21 and gain access to collaborate with INFOhio and other Learning Commons participants.

## 21 Essential Things for 21st Century Success

### Welcome to 21 Essential Things for 21st Century Learning

A self-directed program created for Ohio educators to explore and engage in web 2.0 technologies and 21st Century Learning Skills. [Read More...](#)

- #1 [Are You Preparing Your Students for Their Future?](#)  
What: 21st Century Skills and standards for your professional
  - #2 [Are You Up-To-Speed? Getting Acquainted with INFOhio Resources for Teachers, Librarians and 21st Century Students](#)  
What: INFOhio Site introduction, Help Resources and 21st Century learning grid
  - #3 [Are You Encouraging Student Success in Creative Projects and Research Assignments?](#)  
What: Using the Research Project Calculator and Database Widgets to help with research projects
  - #4 [Are You Keeping Up Professionally?](#)  
What: Using INFOhio's EBSCO Professional Search to help you keep up
  - #5 [Do You Use The Latest Trends to Keep Up?](#)  
What: Using Alerts and RSS feeds to stay current
  - #6 [Do You Promote and Model Digital Citizenship and Responsibility?](#)  
What: Resources and Tools to promote Internet Safety, Responsible Social Networking, and ethical use of information
  - #7 [Are You Familiar with the Tools Available to Assist Students and Parents with Homework?](#)  
What: Free Homework Help through KnowItNow chat service
  - #8 [Can you Find Resources for all Learning Levels and Styles with One Click?](#)  
What: Resources providing audio, video and reading levels to differentiate instruction
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- #9 [Do You Know How to Effectively Evaluate Your Students' Information Literacy Skills?](#)  
What: Using TRAILS, a free tool for assessing skills, grades 3-12
  - #10 [Are You Up-To-Speed with New Search Engines and Graphical Display Options?](#)  
What: Search engine options for your curriculum and differentiated learning
  - #11 [Do You Use Cool Tools for 21st Century Projects?](#)  
What: Presentation and collaboration tools for 21st Century projects
  - #12 [Are You Preparing Your Students for College and Work Place Success?](#)  
What: Resources available to help students transition from high school to college and/or the work force
  - #13 [Are You Using Practice Tests and Tutorials to Prepare Students for High Stakes Testing?](#)  
What: Free practice tests, tutorials, and career interest inventory from Learning Express Library
  - #14 [Are You Going Beyond Google Search in your Classroom or Library for Inquiry based lessons? INFOhio Power User](#)  
What: Using EBSCO tools to effectively find and efficiently manage information
  - #15 [It's Not Your Mother's Encyclopedia! Are You Aware of the New World Book Tools for 21st Century Skills? INFOhio Power User](#)  
What: Timeliner, images and videos, primary source documents, citation tools, reading levels, grade appropriate materials, lesson plans and backpacks
  - #16 [Do You Use the Free, High Quality Educational Videos Purchased for Ohio Teachers and Students? INFOhio Power User](#)  
What: From Aquatic Ecology to Malcolm X: free digital videos for your classroom
  - #17 [Do You Know How to Find Standards-based Materials? Introducing Cat 2.0 INFOhio Power User](#)  
What: Learn how easy it is to find materials through your library
  - #18 [Do You Know How to Find Free Usable eBooks and Mobile Apps for Research or Reading Assignments? INFOhio Power User](#)  
What: eBooks and apps for mobile devices and desktop computers freely available from INFOhio
  - #19 [Do You and Your Students Know How to Find and Use Images Purchased for Ohio Schools? INFOhio Power User](#)  
What: Quickly find powerful, classroom appropriate images
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- #20 [Do You Access High Quality Materials for Your STEM Classroom? INFOhio Power User](#)  
What: Science, math and technology classroom resources including diagrams, science labs and videos hard to teach content from Science Online
  - #21 [Capstone: Putting It All Together](#)  
What: Staying connected with INFOhio. Join the INFOhio Learning Community to continue learning and sharing.

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