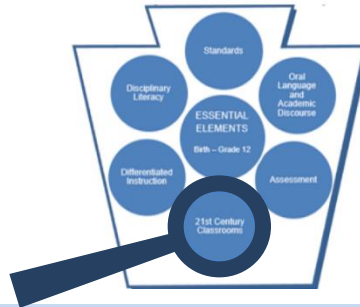


## Did You Know?

**CHECK IT OUT!**

[PaSLP Toolkit](#)



### Essential Element 4: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Classrooms

Students in 21<sup>st</sup> century classrooms will need to be equipped with skills that go beyond what classrooms currently offer to meet future demands and address complex problems that can't be anticipated or presently conceived. Classrooms must offer students opportunities to develop real-world problem-solving skills that enable them to think critically and creatively, work collaboratively with others, and analyze, interpret, and synthesize information. Additionally, teachers in 21<sup>st</sup> century classrooms must have the knowledge and skills that allow them to provide students with opportunities to grapple with new, challenging, and difficult information. Such difficult learning should occur in an environment that is engaging, fosters resiliency, and includes both print and digital resources.

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### Career Readiness Resources

Career Readiness is embedded throughout the PaSLP Guiding Principles and Essential Elements.

[PaSLP Toolkit](#)



Pennsylvania Literacy Library

[Career Readiness Toolkit](#)



Career Readiness

## Professional Development

### Student Engagement and Academic Resiliency in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Classrooms (PaSLP, p. 74-84)

Both engagement and academic resiliency are essential for developing students' intrinsic motivation to learn, for continuing with assigned tasks, and ultimately for developing literate students. When students are motivated to learn, they develop the stamina to continue to learn and become productive citizens (Duckworth, 2016; Hoerr, 2017; Kallick & Zmuda, 2017). Jim Knight (2019) wrote an article entitled ***Students on the margins***. In the article, he discusses the role of instructional coaching in relation to student learning and student well-being. The information that he shares correlates to the PaSLP Guiding Principle 5: Professional Learning and Essential Element 4: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Classrooms.

### Webinar Opportunity

#### PA Career Ready Skills

PDE is offering a live one-hour webinar on the PA Career Ready Skills. The session is scheduled for Monday, February 24, 2020, from 10:00-11:00 am. The PA Career Ready Skills incorporate critical employability skills that employers seek in future employees. These social emotional learning progressions support the development of self-awareness and self-management, establishing and maintaining relationships, and problem solving.

[Register](#) today to learn more about PA Career Ready Skills.

## New Resources

### Writing Resources on SAS

Since removing modal writing from the PSSA, we are pleased to release Informative/Explanatory, Narrative, and Opinion/Argumentative writing prompts, student responses, score points, and annotations.

- Log in to [pdesas.org](http://pdesas.org)
- Click on Assessments
- Click on Assessment Builder
- Choose grade level and subject (ELA)
- Click on Filters
- Check the box ☒ Writing Prompt with Student Responses/Annotations
- See Results
- Click on Add To My Assessment
- Click on View My Assessment
- You will see three tabs --
- A Response Score and Annotation for each score point is listed under Answer Key tab

Student Version

Teacher Version

Answer Key



Career Ready Toolkit