

# SKILLS

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Having our students compete in the global economy is at the forefront of the national education discussion. Traditionally, skills such as communication, collaboration, innovation, and ethics have received little focus in standard curricula. Recent research shows that infusing these skills in the classroom helps students reach their full potential professionally and makes them economically competitive. Teaching and learning these skills is consistent with the emerging needs of a world economy in a high-performance work environment. These 21st Century Skills are the bedrock of The BizWorld Foundation programs:

Applied Skill	All Sessions	Details
Critical thinking and problem solving	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exercising sound reasoning in understanding</li> <li>Making complex choices and decisions</li> <li>Understanding interconnections among systems</li> <li>Identifying and asking significant questions that clarify various points of view and lead to better solutions</li> <li>Framing, analyzing and synthesizing information in order to solve problems and answer questions</li> </ul>
Oral/ written communication	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Articulating thoughts and ideas clearly and effectively through speaking and writing</li> </ul>
Teamwork/ collaboration	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrating the ability to work effectively with diverse teams</li> <li>Exercising flexibility and willingness to be helpful in making necessary compromises to accomplish a common goal</li> <li>Assuming shared responsibility for collaborative work</li> </ul>
Leadership	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using interpersonal skills to influence and guide others toward a common goal</li> <li>Leveraging strengths of others to accomplish a goal</li> </ul>
Creativity/ innovation	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrating originality and innovation in work</li> <li>Developing, implementing and communicating new ideas to others</li> <li>Being open and responsive to new and diverse perspectives</li> <li>Acting on creative ideas to make a tangible and useful contribution</li> </ul>
Professionalism/ work ethic	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Setting and meeting high standards and goals for delivering quality work on time</li> <li>Demonstrating diligence and a positive work ethic (e.g., being punctual, reliable, and well prepared)</li> </ul>
Ethics/ social responsibility	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrating integrity and ethical behavior</li> <li>Acting responsibly with the interests of the larger community in mind</li> </ul>