

# Vision for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Teaching and Learning

Our world is experiencing change at an exponential rate. In order to ensure that our students can thrive and be successful in a future that can't be predicted, education needs to keep pace with these changes.



If we imagine the ideal learning environment—it might be a place where:

- teachers and students are all learners
- the focus is more on questions, less on answers
- understanding is more important than knowing
- innovation and exploration are part of learning
- we connect and learn with the world

The Peel District School Board's vision for 21<sup>st</sup> century teaching and learning is based on the following broad skills:

- collaborative inquiry to solve real and relevant problems
- creativity and innovation
- critical thinking and problem-solving
- communication



Technology, then, is what supports and enables this kind of learning and engages students by:

- providing learning—anywhere, anytime
- supporting teacher innovation and capacity-building
- enhancing equity of access through the use of personal devices and internet resources
- using social media to support inquiry and communication while building social responsibility and digital literacy
- strengthening connections with parents