



# 21<sup>st</sup> century Learning Community

The Batesville School District is accepting applications for two new 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Community teams. The teams will begin their collaboration this summer and will continue for a three-year cycle.

Apply online at <http://bsd21classrooms.blogspot.com/> by **April 17, 2009**

Optional Question & Answer Session:  
**April 10, 2009 @ 3:45**  
**BHS Computer Lab**

## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Community (clc) Teams aim to:

- Develop small collaborative teams to explore 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills and effective teaching strategies in a project and inquiry-based learning environment.
- Equip teachers with the skills and strategies needed to become innovative educators in a global and digital society.
- Allocate professional development hours to allow members time to collaborate to improve their pedagogy.
- Model lifelong learning.

## 21CLC OVERVIEW

A 21clc team is comprised of four to seven certified teachers from any one campus plus an administrator, coach, or specialist. All members agree to collaborate as a team for a three-year cycle. The team, working with facilitator, Lisa Huff, meets two days during the summer, after school once a month throughout the school year, and one Saturday during the school year. Additionally, the team uses digital tools to collaborate online.

Using hands-on activities and project and inquiry-based learning, the team focuses on these essential questions and projects:

	Essential Question	Projects
Year 1	How can I use digital tools to learn and teach?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Create an electronic portfolio showing progress toward the <a href="#">NETS for Teachers</a> or Administrators standards.</li> <li>○ Read and discuss <a href="#">A Whole New Mind</a> by Daniel Pink.</li> <li>○ Post reflections to your blog.</li> </ul>
Year 2	How can I use project-based and inquiry-based learning with my students?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Redesign and implement a unit you currently teach to have students learn through inquiry or project-based learning.</li> <li>○ Read and discuss <a href="#">Understanding by Design</a> by Grant Wiggins and Jay McTighe.</li> <li>○ Post reflections to your blog.</li> <li>○ Showcase a student project in the Batesville School District 21<sup>st</sup> Century Showcase.</li> </ul>
Year 3	How can I design authentic collaborations that connect my students with peers and/or experts beyond the school walls?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Design and implement a project-or inquiry-based unit that allows students to collaborate with learners or experts beyond the school walls.</li> <li>○ Read and discuss a book selected by the</li> </ul>

		team. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Post reflections to your blog.</li> <li>○ Showcase collaborative student project in the Batesville School District 21<sup>st</sup> Century Showcase.</li> </ul>
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**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HOURS**

All team members earn **thirty (30) hours of professional development hours** each school year during the three-year cycle. Team members commit to the following meeting dates:

- Summer: July 13 & 20 (Team 2) or July 14 & 21 (Team 3)
- After-School: One hour after school (3:30-4:30) each month (*August, September, October, November, January, February, March, April*)
- Saturday: A date selected by the team.

**HOW TO APPLY**

To apply, each team member must complete an online application at <http://bsd21classrooms.blogspot.com> no later than April 17.

**QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION**

The district will host a question and answer session about the project and application process on April 10, 2009, at 3:45 in the Batesville High School computer lab. This meeting is **optional** and will not affect the score on the application.

If you have questions or need help, e-mail Lisa Huff ([lhuff@batesvilleschools.com](mailto:lhuff@batesvilleschools.com)).