

**Notes, Trend Analysis**  
**Twenty-One Trends for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**  
*Out of the Trenches...and into the Future*

**What are the implications of these trends:**

**For how we operate our schools and our education system?**

**For what all of our students need to know and be able to do for be prepared for the future in a fast-changing world? (*Consider academic knowledge, skills, behaviors, and attitudes needed for citizenship, career, job, and life.*)**

**For economic growth and development and quality of life in our communities?**

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Author, Twenty-One Trends for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

## IDENTIFYING THE ISSUES

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# Gap Analysis

## *Identifying Ideals and Gaps*

In brief one-sentence statements, identify what you consider up to five characteristics/ideals that describe a school or school system capable of preparing students for life in a Global Knowledge/Information Age. Use your ingenuity, creativity, and imagination. Do not consider traditional obstacles or “things that we just never discuss” in developing these statements. Concentrate on developing the statements. Then, you might want to consider how the statements you’ve developed reflect reality. A further “filling the gaps” step might involve development of a strategy that could be considered in getting us from where we are to where we might like to be.

### **Characteristic/Ideal 1:**

How would you currently rate how you’re doing in reaching or exemplifying this ideal?  
(Circle one of these numbers.) Low 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 High

What steps would you recommend for filling this gap?

### **Characteristic/Ideal 2:**

How would you currently rate how you’re doing in reaching or exemplifying this ideal?  
(Circle one of these numbers.) Low 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 High

What steps would you recommend for filling this gap?

### **Characteristic/Ideal 3:**

How would you currently rate how you’re doing in reaching or exemplifying this ideal?  
(Circle one of these numbers.) Low 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 High

What steps would you recommend for filling this gap?

### **Characteristic/Ideal 4:**

How would you currently rate how you’re doing in reaching or exemplifying this ideal?  
(Circle one of these numbers.) Low 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 High

What steps would you recommend for filling this gap?

### **Characteristic/Ideal 5:**

How would you currently rate how you’re doing in reaching or exemplifying this ideal?  
(Circle one of these numbers.) Low 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 High

What steps would you recommend for filling this gap?

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