**Communication**

**Educator Guidebook**

**K-5**

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For Feedback

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**Purpose**

**Why is this important?**

Communication is one of the key components of 21st century learning, yet it has not attracted the same level of research or attention as creativity, collaboration, or critical thinking. Communication competence involves mediated and digital communication, interpersonal, written and oral communication. As our society evolves, we cannot assume that our students will gain communication competence on their own.

**Practical communication skills are needed for all students**

1. Speech language development is a key aspect of preschool and early learning
2. Social and emotional learning studies address positive classroom communication interventions
3. Business-related communication assessments (like the elevator pitch assessment) are also applicable to education contexts
4. Digital and media literacy provide unique approaches to analyzing communication skills
5. Additional research and interventions are needed to support 21st century communication skills

Communication. *P21 Partnership for 21st Century Learning.* <http://www.p21.org/our-work/4cs-research-series/communication>. Web. May 7, 2018

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| **Be clear** | I have trouble communicating clearly. | I need guidance to communicate effectively. | I use clear language to communicate effectively. | I use a variety of ways to communicate effectively. | I consistently use a variety of ways to communicate my thoughts and ideas clearly and effectively. |
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**General Communication Resources:**

1. Ask students to give examples of what Communication is and is not.
2. Students create posters of what Communication looks like, sounds like, and feels in in their words.
3. As a group, discuss and create (draw) your ideal classroom. Label the important parts.
4. Either share the rubric above with your students, or just share the categories and come up with a rubric that is personalized for your class. Post the rubric somewhere that will ensure it is referred to often.
5. Book list:
   * Magnificent Thing – Ashley Spires
   * What to do with an Idea – Kobi Yamada
   * Rosie Revere, Engineer – Andrea Beaty
   * Iggy Peck, Architect – Andrea Beaty
   * Ada Twist, Scientist – Andrea Beaty

**I Can Share My Learning Resources**

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**I Can Be Clear When Communicating Resources**

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**I Manage Emotion Resources**

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