



Entrepreneurial Skills

A Colorado graduate demonstrates entrepreneurial skills through critical thinking and problem solving, creativity and innovation, inquiry and analysis, and risk taking. A student with these skills can:

	Novice	Advanced Beginner	Strategic Learner	Emerging Expert
Critical Thinking/Problem Solving	Recognize that problems can be identified and possible solutions can be created	and...Define the problem using a variety of strategies	and...Make connections between information gathered and personal experiences to apply and/or test solutions	and...“Interpret information and draw conclusions based on the best analysis” (The Partnership for 21st Century Skills (2009, p. 21)
Creativity/Innovation	Demonstrate curiosity, imagination, and eagerness to learn more	and...Build on personal experience to specify a challenging problem to investigate	and...Engage in novel approaches, moves, directions, ideas, and/or perspectives	and...Synthesize ideas in original and surprising ways
Inquiry/Analysis	Recognize and describe cause-and-effect relationships and patterns in everyday experiences	and...Investigate to form hypotheses, make observations and draw conclusions	and...Test/hypotheses/ prototype with a planned process for getting feedback	and...Make predictions and design data/information collection and analysis strategies
Risk Taking	Demonstrate a willingness to try new things	and...Demonstrate flexibility, imagination, and inventiveness in taking on tasks and activities	and...Innovate from failure, connect learning across domains, and recognize new opportunities	and...Act on creative ideas to make a tangible and useful contribution