



(Learning Castles Consulting)

Helping Children & Teachers Grow Through Technology



COMPANY MISSION

As we approach the next millennium, there is no national issue more paramount than adopting a new approach to education that will enable children to develop the cognitive skills needed to succeed in an information and technology based world and economy. This issue underscores the overarching MISSION of *Learning Castles Consulting*...

- Facilitate the introduction and **effective integration of advanced computing and communications innovations into the classroom as an integral part of technology-enhanced educational reform** aimed at improving the quality of K-12 schools.
- Help empower and support teachers in their quest to **use technology as a supporting agent of change** for creating new kinds of learning/teaching experiences that will inspire children to achieve high levels of creativity, critical thinking, problem-solving and collaborative/cooperative learning.

The primary focus of Learning Castles Consulting is to address these educational challenges:

- **Bridge the gap** between the **availability** of compelling technology based educational products and services and their **effective use** in schools.
- Provide teachers with **educator training and professional development** opportunities to acquire the skills, knowledge and experience needed to take on new roles as learning facilitators and "coaches," and use interactive, on-line technologies as a tool for encouraging students to learn through engaged interaction with meaningful content.
- Champion new curricula and **"multiple medium" learning programs** that use the **combined power of innovative technologies and traditional media** to challenge students toward creative thinking and the development of high cognitive skills for life-long knowledge seeking, intellectual growth and real-world problem solving.
- **Mobilize and assist communities and schools** in developing programs to improve their education technology capacity by providing support and expertise in the areas of technology planning, funding, implementation, on-going use, maintenance, training and assessment systems.

The future of America rests in the ability of our educational system to create a generation of knowledge seekers and users who aspire to harness the full potential of their creativity, learning power, self-confidence and motivational drive. These are the principles our schools need to foster to ensure that future generation Americans have the will and the means to improve the quality of life for themselves, as individuals, and for the nation, as a whole.

Learning Castles Consulting was founded by Michelle A. Blank, Ph.D to help improve the quality of K-12 education through technology-enhanced reform that promotes student-centered, investigative teaching/learning, and infuses technology into the curriculum in ways that will open and guide students to make meaningful use of technology as a learning tool throughout their lives. Supporting **consortia efforts** with active partners from the private sector, government, communities, educational institutions, families, and individuals is a key aspect of Learning Castle's approach to helping schools re-create themselves for the 21st century.

