

Points to Ponder....

(1) How do the Millennials view technology and how is that different than we tend to view technology?

(2) What are some challenges facing educators in relation to the Millennials?

(3) What can educators learn from business about how we can help Millennials learn effectively?

# The Millennials: Who They Are And How They Learn



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## Resources

Materials from this workshop available online:

<http://www.mcmel.org/>

click on "Workshops"

**Digital Kids:** Apple's research into who today's kids are and how they learn.  
(<http://www.apple.com/education/digitalkids/>)

**The Growing Up Digital Web Site.** Dedicated to the latest publication by Don Tapscott, this site deals with the influence of technology on society, youth, and the forces of transformation, which are poised to emerge out of this trend.  
(<http://www.growingupdigital.com>)

**Taking It Global** - TakingITGlobal (TIG) is an international organization - led by youth and enabled by technology. TIG connects youth to find inspiration, access information, get involved, and take action to improve their local and global communities.  
(<http://www.takingitglobal.org>)  
TIGed.org - Taking It Global's Educators page  
(<http://www.tiged.org/>)

**Generations at Work: Managing Millennials:** An article on working with the Millennials  
(<http://www.generationsatwork.com/articles/millennials.htm>)

**Some Tips on Marketing to "Generation Y"**  
([http://www.clickz.com/news/article.php/12\\_17111](http://www.clickz.com/news/article.php/12_17111))

**Millennials Rising:** a website for and about America's rising generation, born in the 1980s and '90s. Hosted by the authors Neil Howe and William Strauss, [millennialsrising.com](http://www.millennialsrising.com) provides a serious discussion forum on Millennial issues.  
(<http://www.millennialsrising.com/>)

**Misreading Millennials:** The politics of a rising generation  
(<http://reason.com/0312/co.js.misreading.shtml>)

**Millennial Politics.com:** a Web site to educate and motivate people about youth activism.  
(<http://www.millennialpolitics.com/>)

**Authentic Intellectual Work and Standardized Tests: Conflict or Coexistence?** A research-based look at what kinds of homework really work.  
(<http://www.consortium-chicago.org/publications/p0a02.html>)

## Characteristics of Millennials

- Digital kids are hypercommunicators
- Digital kids are multitaskers
- Digital kids are goal oriented
- Digital Kids are a Curious Generation
- Digital Kids are accepting of Diversity
- Digital Kids are Assertive and Self Reliant

## The School Disconnect

### Tom March:

What does the school offer the kid in the candy shop who is loaded with money and loaded with 3G devices?

These devices can be weapons of mass distraction and kids can tune out if we aren't engaging students.

## Millennials and Learning

- Schools need to move to a more interactive delivery model.
- Tapscott believes that learning should be customized,
  - student-centered, and
  - non-linear
  - teachers acting as motivators and facilitators of learning rather than transmitters of information.