K-8 COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING

Shifting the Way We Communicate Student Learning

British Columbia's curriculum has been redesigned around a "Know-Do-Understand" model to support a competency-driven, concept-based approach to learning. What our students are expected to know, be able to do (learning standards) and understand, requires new ways of assessing and reporting. School District No.83 supports teaching and assessment practices that make students' learning visible, celebrating their growth and successes. We will continue to focus on timely and flexible communication with parents, documenting and collecting evidence of student learning over time, and supporting ongoing development and self-assessment of the Core Competencies.

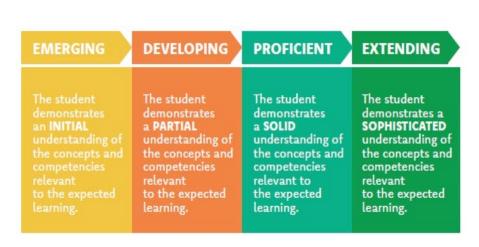


Provincial Proficiency Scale

An updated proficiency scale describes student progress in relation to grade level expectations in all curricular areas. The proficiency scale and strengthbased descriptive feedback are used to communicate individual progress and identify specific next steps to support learning.

Student Self-Assessment of the Core Competencies

Core competencies are intellectual, personal, and social-emotional proficiencies that all students need to develop in order to engage in deep, lifelong learning. The ultimate goal is for learners to employ the core competencies in all curricular areas and in their lives. During the school year, students will select evidence of and reflect on their core competency development.





Communication

- The ability to impart and exchange information, experiences and ideas To explore the world
- around them To understand and
- effectively engage in the use of digital media.



Thinking

The skills, knowledge and processes we associate with intellectual development, demonstrated through creative and critical thinking.



Personal & Social

- Positive personal and cultural identity
- Personal awareness and responsibility
- Social responsibility

Curriculum	4 Learning Updates (Must include two written & two other forms of communication)				Summary of Learning (written)
	October Informal/interim reporting (phone call, online or in- person meeting, written report on some curricular areas, etc.)	November Goal Setting Conferences (written on goal setting conference template)	February (Mid-Year) (written in MyEdBC) Proficiency Scale	April-May Informal/interim reporting (phone call, online or in- person meeting, written report on some curricular areas, etc.)	June Year- End (Written in MyEdBC) Proficiency Scale
English Language Arts/Francais Langue	Optional	Υ	Y	Optional	Y
Numeracy	Optional	Υ	Υ	Optional	Y
Science			Υ		Y
Social Studies	Not required to report in each	Not required to report in each	Υ	Not required to report in each	Y
Physical & Health Education	curricular area. Communication	curricular area. Communication	Y	curricular area. Communication	Y
Core French	is intended to be flexible and	is intended to be flexible and	Y (Gr. 5-8 only)	is intended to be flexible and	Y (Gr. 5-8 only)
Arts Education	responsive to teaching and individual student learning needs.	responsive to teaching and individual student learning needs.	Y (for areas covered in the term)	responsive to teaching and individual student learning needs.	Y (for areas covered in the term)
Applied Design Skills & Technology			Y (Gr. 6-8 only)		Υ
Career Education			Y (Gr. 6-8 only)		Y
Student Engagement & Behaviors for Success	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Student Self- Assessment of Core Competencies	Students engage in activities & reflection that develop their core competencies.				Students will select evidence and complete a summary self- assessment of their Core Competency development, and progress on their learning goals.

face or virtual meetings, learning portfolios, My BluePrint, demonstrations of learning such as science fairs, performances, etc.

Communicating Student Learning K-8:

Communication of student learning MUST occur a minimum of five times per year:

- 4 Learning Updates (two written, two informal)
- 1 final Summary of Learning

Communicating student learning throughout the year reflects four essential criteria:

- Learning standards
- Authentic evidence of learning
- Student voice
- Descriptive feedback

Descriptive feedback identifies for the student what is going well, areas for growth, and next steps for learning. Also included is a description of how learning is impacted by student engagement, behavior, and attendance.

