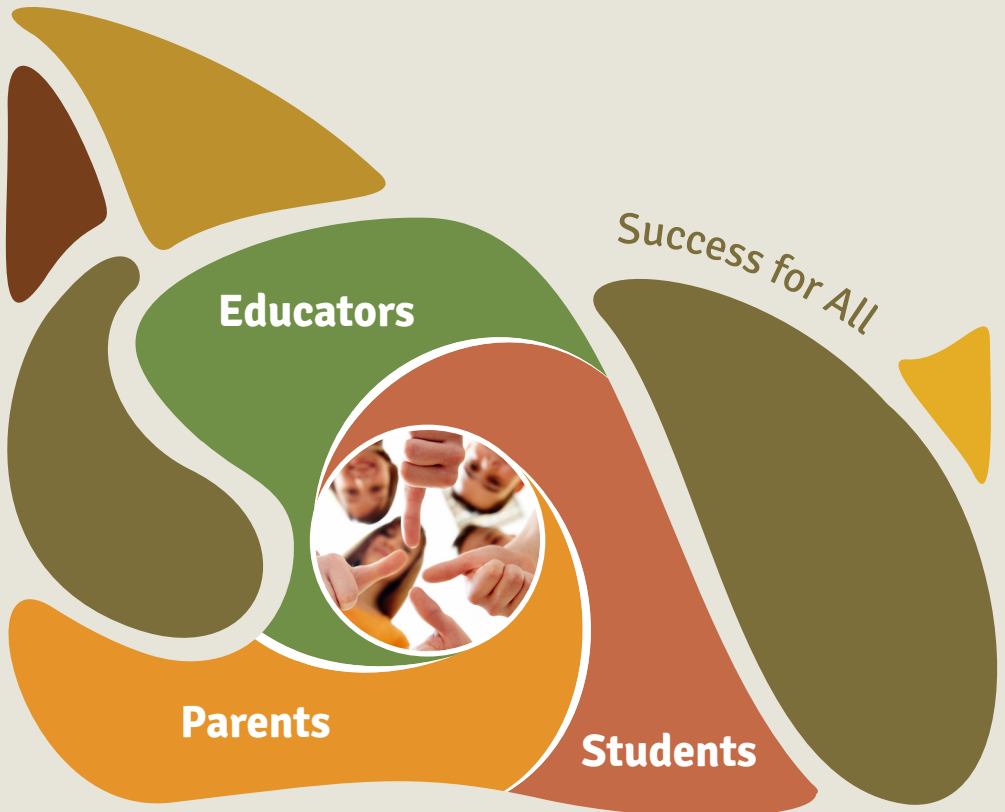NANAIMO LADYSMITH
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Core Competencies 8-9

A Set of Abilities Central to Student
Success in the 21st Century.

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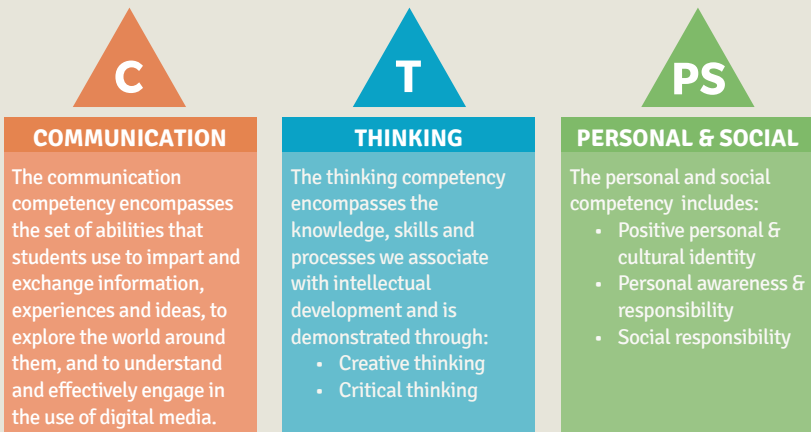
Success for All

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Students

Communicating Student Learning is Changing in Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools (NLPS)

What are Core Competencies?

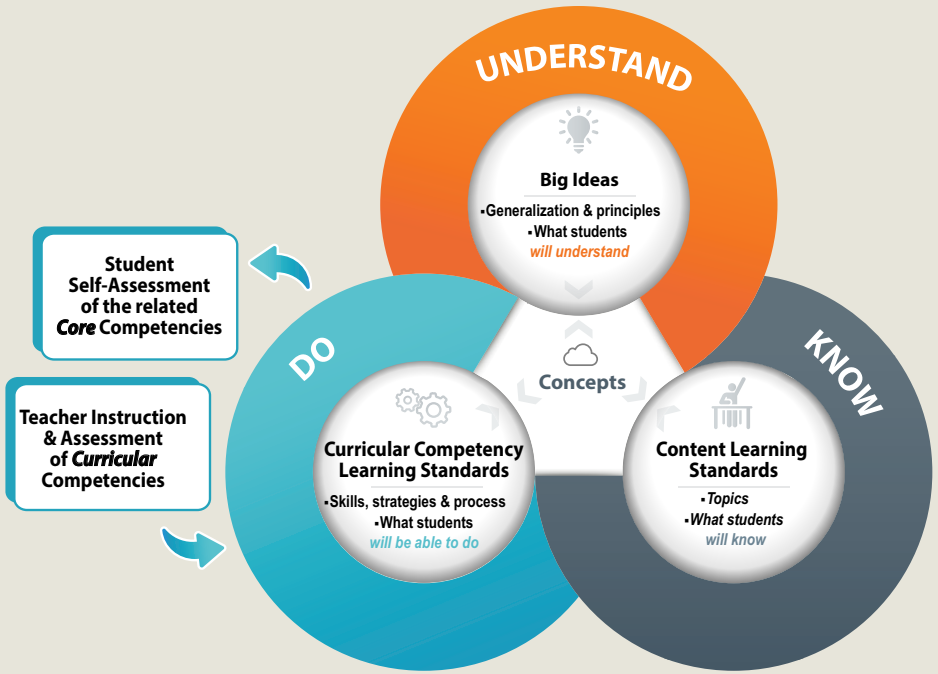Core competencies are at the center of BC's New Curriculum. Three broad Core Competencies have be identified: **Communication**, **Thinking**, and **Personal & Social**. These abilities are essential in developing an "educated citizen" who can engage in deep and life-long learning.

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COMMUNICATION

The communication competency encompasses the set of abilities that students use to impart and exchange information, experiences and ideas, to explore the world around them, and to understand and effectively engage in the use of digital media.

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THINKING

The thinking competency encompasses the knowledge, skills and processes we associate with intellectual development and is demonstrated through:
- Creative thinking
- Critical thinking

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PERSONAL & SOCIAL

The personal and social competency includes:
- Positive personal & cultural identity
- Personal awareness & responsibility
- Social responsibility

What are NLPS Guidelines for Student Self-Assessment?

In Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public Schools, students in Grades 8 and 9 have been accessing the Core Competencies in their classes.

Moving forward, the goal is for teachers to support students in their ability to self-assess all three broad Core Competencies.

UNDERSTAND

Big Ideas
- Generalization & principles
- What students *will understand*

KNOW

Content Learning Standards
- *Topics*
- *What students will know*

DO

Curricular Competency Learning Standards
- Skills, strategies & process
- What students *will be able to do*

Concepts

Student Self-Assessment of the related *Core* Competencies

Teacher Instruction & Assessment of *Curricular* Competencies

How will my Child be Supported?

The Core Competencies are embedded, connected, and integrated into the Curricular Competencies within all areas of the New Curriculum. When your child is learning and developing skills and processes in a specific area of learning, they are also developing the Core Competencies.

NLPS students will be encouraged to self-assess their ability to access the Core Competencies. Teachers are designing learning opportunities to purposefully engage students in accessing these important abilities.

Resources

Websites

BC Core Competencies

https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/competencies

Classroom Assessment & Reporting

https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/classroom-assessment-and-reporting

Research

21st Century Skills and Competences for New Millennium Learners in OECD Countries

goo.gl/sVNylR

Assessment & Teaching of 21st Century Skills

http://www.atc21s.org/

District Resources

District Reporting of Core Competencies

http://www.sd68.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016-17/Supportive-Resources-Core-Competencies.pdf