



# What is my child learning?



## Why was BC's curriculum redesigned?

When you were in school, learning likely involved being asked to memorize information and repeat it on a test, only to forget it soon after. We now know good learning is not just memorizing – it's being able to use what we know in real-world settings. Universities, colleges, and employers now care more about how students think than how many facts they can memorize and recall.

This is why BC has changed what students are taught and is changing how they're assessed. Parents and caregivers expect their child to learn the basics at school – reading, writing, and math. In the redesigned curriculum, these subjects remain important, but they aren't the only vital part of students' learning.

BC's curriculum will continue to give your child a strong foundation in these important skills. It will also teach your child how to think, communicate, solve problems, and use their knowledge in ways that both matter in school and will matter in a rapidly changing future.

## BC's curriculum:

- sets high standards for learning
- defines what your child will be taught in each grade
- ensures that your child develops a strong foundation for reading, writing, and math
- builds your child's communication, thinking, problem-solving, and social skills
- supports your child's well-being
- sets your child up for success in school and for the workplace in the future



## Teaching and learning

Today's classroom is different from when you were in school. You may remember working only from textbooks or worksheets. Students now learn in many ways, often through experiences both inside and outside the classroom. They also show their learning in a variety of ways.

To support their learning, teachers create lessons that allow students to explore topics and learn important content. Your child's teacher may then observe students and have conversations with them about what they learned and how they might apply their learning. The teacher will use all the information they have gathered, including the work your child hands in, to assess your child's learning. They will also determine where your child will go next in their learning or where they may need to improve.

## Areas of learning

The areas of learning are the subjects your child will be taught from Kindergarten through Grade 12. These include English Language Arts, Français langue première, or Français langue seconde, as well as:

- Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies (shop, foods, accounting, computer programming, etc.)
- Arts Education (dance, drama, music, art, etc.)
- Career Education
- Languages (First Nations Languages', French, and other languages)
- Math
- Physical and Health Education
- Science (life science, environmental science, physics, etc.)
- Social Studies (BC First Peoples, law, world history, Francophone history and culture, etc.)

All areas of learning are important for developing educated citizens. What your child is learning at a particular time will depend on the time of year and the schedule your child's school uses.

## Learning Standards

Each area of learning has learning standards that lay out what your child should know, be able to do, and understand. The learning standards are what your child is taught at each grade level and what they are assessed on for their report cards.

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## Core Competencies

The Core Competencies are integrated into all areas of learning. They are the communication, thinking, and social skills your child needs to be successful now and in the future.

Students are not assessed by teachers on the Core Competencies. Instead, your child's written report cards will include their self-reflections on the Core Competencies and their goal setting for learning.



## Indigenous learning

From kindergarten to grade 12, your child will have opportunities to learn about the perspectives, histories, and contemporary contexts of First Nations in BC. Learning in this area will support lasting and meaningful reconciliation. Your child will also develop an understanding of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit cultures across Canada.