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# 2018 Core Competencies Conversation Starters

Core Competencies

Over the past year, your child has been working on and thinking about their growth in the three overarching Core Competencies:  Communication, Thinking, Personal and Social.  In May, each student completed a self-assessment of their growth and progress in these three broad-based competencies.  One of the ways parents can help students clarify their thinking about their individual profiles is through open-ended questions.

Below are some conversation starters parents can use to talk to their child about their core competency growth.  *For further information about the competencies, please visit:* *https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/competencies.*

## Parents can ask their child: "At school,…"

**Communication:**

▶ What are some of the ways you like to show your learning?

**Critical Thinking:**

▶ How does your learning in _____ connect with what you have learned before? How has your thinking about _____ changed? What made it change?

▶ What strategies do you use to decide if you should believe something you read? How did you develop these strategies? What advice would you give to a younger student about figuring out what is true?

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**Creative Thinking:**

▶ How do you come up with ideas when you want to make something new at school or at home?

▶ What makes you want to get new ideas or try something new?

**Social Responsibility:**

▶ What contribution have you made to our school that you feel good about? How did you get started doing that?

**Positive and Personal Cultural Identity:**

▶ What are your strengths as a learner and how do you learn best? What are some aspects that you value about your culture?

▶ How do you use your strengths and abilities in your family, relationships, and community?

**Personal Awareness and Responsibility:**

▶ Tell me about one of your learning goals. How did you come to choose that goal? Tell me about something you are doing to help you work on that goal.