

# Communicating Student Learning (CSL)

British Columbia is changing how students learn in school. This change will better prepare our students for the fast paced, modern world that we live in. Building strong foundations in reading, writing and numeracy continues to be a focus, as well as developing students' critical thinking, creative thinking, collaboration, communication, and personal and social skills.

To help students learn and grow, our school district is changing the ways we assess student learning. This includes how we share results with parents so they can better support their child. This process is called **Communicating Student Learning (CSL)**.

The goal of CSL is to have an on-going discussion between students, parents and teachers about the student's learning. This is not limited to report cards. Teachers are using a variety of methods and tools to communicate with parents. This may include conferencing, paper reports, and/or digital platforms, such as Freshgrade, MyBlueprint and/or Office 365.

The communication that you receive will describe:

- Your child's learning goals,
- Evidence of learning that the teacher and/or student has captured,
- What your child is doing well,
- What your child's next steps are, and
- Ways that you can support your child's learning.

Students are more motivated and learn more effectively when they are active participants in their own learning. When students take ownership of their learning, they become lifelong learners.

Students are being taught how to have conversations about their learning and self-assess their own growth. By doing so, students can then respond to important questions about their learning. This includes questions like:

- What am I learning?
- Why is it important?
- What is the criteria for success?
- What am I doing well, and how do I know?
- What are my next steps for growth?

We encourage parents to have conversations with the classroom teacher and their child about the child's learning. These conversations can be in person, through email, or the child's digital portfolio.

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher or school administrator if you have any additional questions.