

**Clinton Public Schools  
K-12 District  
Foundation Skills and Competencies**



*Empowering learners to embrace and influence the future with courage and compassion.*

*The purpose for establishing a set of common learning competencies is the belief that all teaching and learning should be meaningful, relevant, and connected. Therefore, there should be a common thread to link all disciplines. The following K-12 Foundation Skills and Competencies are essential for all students to become independent and collaborative learners, and must be incorporated in all disciplines. The foundation competencies are not intended to limit any discipline; rather, they are intended to provide teachers, students, and the community with a set of common expectations that will enhance curriculum development and continuity of purpose, assist teachers in planning instruction and assessment, and improve student performance.*

1. Reads a variety of literary, informational, and persuasive texts with understanding; is able to analyze, interpret, evaluate text; and reads for enjoyment.
2. Uses appropriate forms of expression and conventions of Standard English to communicate and develop thoughts, share ideas, influence and persuade, and create and entertain.
3. Applies understanding of a writing process (drafting, revising, editing, and rewriting) to improve writing.
4. Applies computational skills, number sense, and mathematical techniques to solve problems and judge reasonableness of results.
5. Listens to and views verbal and nonverbal presentations in order to understand, clarify, analyze, and make connections.
6. Delivers oral and visual presentations that demonstrate a coherent sequence of thought; the use of standard English conventions; and forms of expression, vocabulary, and tools appropriate for the purpose and audience.
7. Works collaboratively to accomplish a goal by exchanging ideas, synthesizing information, investigating solutions to a problem, sharing workload, and completing assigned tasks.
8. Designs and applies techniques for identifying and investigating real-world issues and problems by observing and posing questions, hypothesizing, collecting and analyzing data, and communicating findings.
9. Investigates and evaluates information and arguments from a wide range of resources and perspectives to convey knowledge, establish a personal stance, or defend a position.
10. Develops digital literacy through the responsible use of digital tools to engage and collaborate within a global community of learners.

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