



## OKANAGAN MISSION SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians of **Grade 8** Students,

As per the BC Ministry of Education's new curriculum, we are required to have students in grades 7, 8, 9 and 10 self-assess their proficiencies in the Core Competencies. These competencies focus on the intellectual, personal, and social and emotional aptitudes that all students need to develop in order to engage in meaningful, life-long learning and be self-aware, positive contributors to the world.

Students will demonstrate their understanding of the competencies during the final Presentation of Learning days at the end of June. In order to prepare students for their demonstrations, our teachers have designed a series of lessons and activities to facilitate this process. Students will participate in lessons in each of their courses, allowing for exposure to multiple perspectives as well as promoting the cross-curricular nature of the Core Competencies. The final day of preparation for this is Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, and it will operate as a full school day.

Our grade 8s will be "Teaching a Skill" on Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm.

- Students will be presenting to their homeroom peers.
- Teachers will aid in the facilitation of presentations.
- When deciding on the skills they will teach, students should consider that they will have to reflect on and incorporate how the skill demonstrates **two** of the three Core Competencies.
- During the in-school lessons and work periods, students will receive a presentation outline as well as detailed criteria for their presentation.
- Following their Presentation of Learning, students will complete a detailed written self-assessment of **all three** competencies which will be included with their final report card.

Our grade 8 students are responsible for being in attendance on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Failure to complete this process will result in the need to attend the "Incomplete" days on either/both June 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> until the Core Competency requirements are satisfied. Please contact your child's administrator if you have questions.

All lessons are available on our school website under ["Core Competencies"](#) on the "Students" tab drop-down menu. If a student misses an in-class lesson, they may use the provided materials to review the lesson and complete the necessary tasks. Parents may also find these materials interesting and helpful as they seek to support their children in the completion of the BC Ministry of Education requirement.

If you have questions, please explore the "Core Competencies" section of our website. You may also contact any of our administrators if you require further information.

Sincerely,  
OKM Administration