

# ESSENTIAL COMPETENCIES

**Communication:** Students develop and present an effective message using various modalities suitable to the topic, purpose and audience.

**Problem Solving/Critical Thinking:** Students identify and interpret problems to engage in thinking that is informed by evidence; or students apply strategies and procedures to arrive at a workable solution.

**Diversity:** Students recognize their own attitudes and values as well as those of others and demonstrate respect for others with diverse perspectives, behaviors and identities.

**Ethics/Social Responsibility:** Students ethically engage with and respond to academic, civic, social, environmental, technological, or economic challenges at local, national or global levels.

**Technology:** Students appropriately use technology to solve problems, complete tasks, or accomplish goals; or students demonstrate effective adaptability to various technologies.