

Future Ready Learners

An educator's guide to the NB Global Competencies

This guide was developed for educators who are working towards embedding the NB Global Competencies into their practices.

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Introduction and how to use this guide

This guide was developed for ASD-S educators to support them in further understanding and implementing the NB Global Competencies. The NB GCs have the potential to inform curriculum development, professional learning, school improvement, innovation and engagement. At both the classroom and school-wide levels, educators are beginning to see that, depending on the context or subject being taught, certain GCs are more easily addressed than others. The challenge for everyone then, is to do their best to identify and purposefully address those GCs that are less evident in their respective roles.

For example, in a social studies context, educators deal quite naturally with matters of 'Sustainability and Global Citizenship'. They may not, however, purposefully and explicitly address the GC, 'Self-Awareness and Self-Management'. In the area of numeracy, educators deal consistently with the 'Problem-Solving and Critical Thinking' GC, but, they may need to more explicitly teach the skills, knowledge and attitudes associated with 'Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship'.

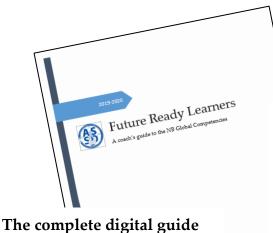
What are global competencies?

Global competencies, which overlap and intersect, are a combination of a person's knowledge, skills, and attitudes that are applied in authentic contexts and that contribute to both the common good and personal well-being. Global competencies are crucial to actively participate in, and effectively contribute to, social and civic life.

The overarching goal of enhancing learners' global competencies is to better prepare them for the present, and a future, that offers numerous unpredictable situations both in their personal and professional lives. This guide will hopefully offer educators, parents, guardians, and community members ideas as to how to identify and explicitly target all six NB GCs to increase student agency. The hope is that learners become even better prepared to attain their goals associated with a balanced life, a desire for lifelong learning, and engaged, knowledgeable, ethical citizenship.

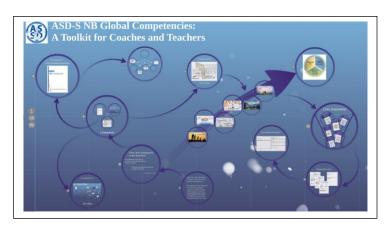
This resource can be used in a number of ways to initiate dialogue around how to better understand, apply, and embed global competencies. There are three components to this resource: a) this complete digital guide with quick access to all components and support documents; b) the video that describes the complete resource; and, c) the ASD-S NB GCs Toolkit.

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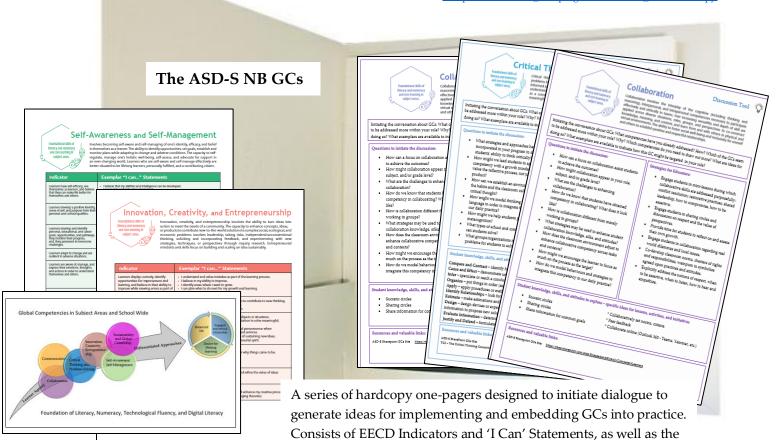
The complete guide provides an overview of global competencies, links to all support documents, items in the toolkit, links to exemplars, and ideas for assessment.

The video



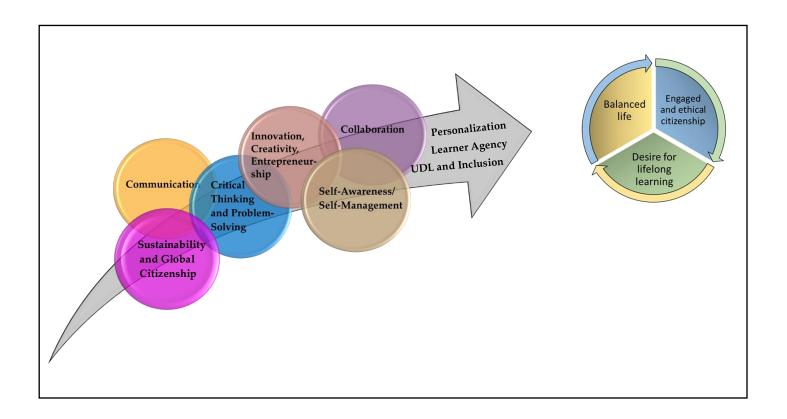
An accompanying video provides an overview of the components of the resource and an explanation as to how coaches and teachers may use the guide to initiate discussion on the NB Global Competencies.

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NB Global Competencies in the context of personalization



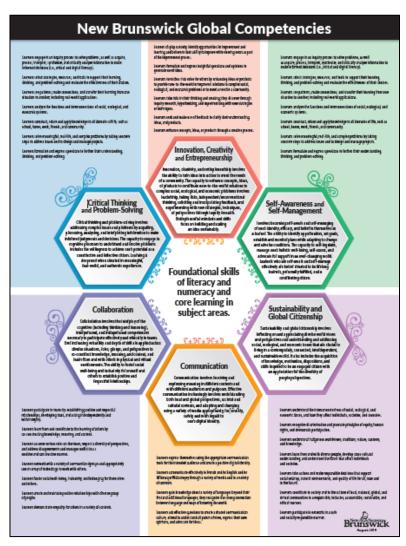
Where do the NB Global Competencies fit within the context of "Future Ready Learners"?

Building upon purposeful attention to literacy, numeracy, technological fluency and digital literacy, the six NB Global Competencies are part of the vehicle that directs learners in their pursuit of life-long learning, engaged and ethical citizenship, and a balanced life. Teaching to the NB GCs considers inclusion and the universal design of the physical environment and pedagogy. Differentiation of the learning process is paramount and involves applying appropriate teaching and learning strategies to meet the challenges that present themselves in the particular context of the moment. The repertoire of approaches, whether they be for a small group, whole class, or whole school, will range through a variety of best practices such as: direct instruction, critical inquiry, project-based learning, and formative assessment.

Each of the Global Competencies with indicators and 'I Can' Statements (Developed by EECD)

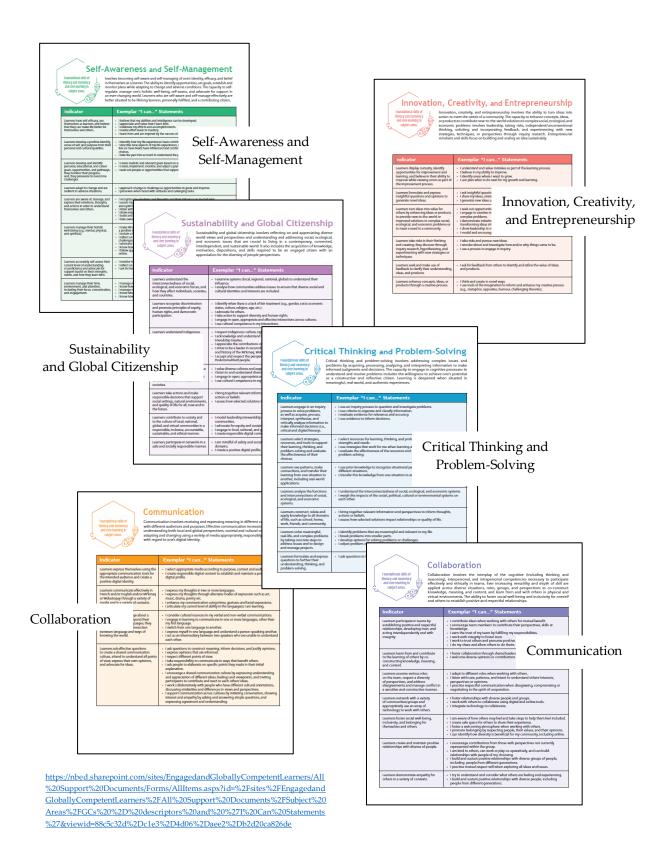
On the next two pages, you will find a series of documents developed by EECD. The first item is the NB GCs poster which provides the general descriptions of each of the six global competencies. By making this poster visible within your building, it presents opportunities for school staffs to become familiar with the language of the global competencies. The six NB GCs are then available in a series of handouts that provide the general description of each GC, indicators, and 'I Can' statements. These documents are included in your toolkit to facilitate dialogue and enhance a deeper understanding of each global competency.

(Click on the link below to access the poster)



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The 6 NB Global Competencies, Indicators, and 'I Can' Statements (developed at EECD)



A tool to support bridging between understanding and practice

The following pages provide a tool to bridge from an understanding of the GCs to applying and embedding the GCs in practice across roles within a school. Each of the six NB GCs is displayed using a four-component format: a) description of the GC; b) reflective questions to spark and direct a dialogue around understanding and practice; c) suggested strategies for application; and, d) links to valuable support resources. There is a scaffold on the back of each sheet to encourage sharing and sketching out ideas for application.

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Collaboration



Collaboration involves the interplay of the cognitive (including thinking and reasoning), interpersonal, and intrapersonal competencies necessary to participate effectively and ethically in teams. Ever increasing versatility and depth of skill are applied across diverse situations, roles, groups, and perspectives to co-construct knowledge, meaning, and content, and learn from and with others in physical and virtual environments. The ability to foster social well-being and inclusivity for oneself and others to establish positive and respectful relationships.

Initiating the conversation about GCs: What competencies have you already addressed? How? Which of the GCs seem to be addressed more within your role? Why? Which competencies do you need to draw out more? What are ideas for doing so? What exemplars are available to indicate how this GC might be targeted in your role?

Questions to initiate the discussion:

- How can a focus on collaboration assist students to achieve the outcomes?
- How might collaboration appear in your role, subject, and/or grade level?
- What are the challenges to enhancing collaboration?
- How do we know that students have obtained competency in collaborating? What does it look like?
- How is collaboration different from merely working in groups?
- What strategies may be used to enhance student collaboration knowledge, silks, and attitudes?
- How does the classroom environment adjust to enhance collaborative competency across tasks and contexts?
- How might we encourage the learner to focus as much on the process as the target?
- How do we model behaviours and strategies to integrate this competency in our daily practice?

Strategies for Educators:

- Engage students in mini-lessons during which collaborative skills are addressed purposefully: conflict resolution; restorative practices; shared leadership; how to compromise, how to be assertive.
- Engage students in sharing circles and discussions on respect and the value of perspectives.
- Provide time for students to reflect on and assess their own growth.
- Engage students in collaboration regarding real world dilemmas and local issues.
- Co-develop classroom norms, charters of rights and responsibilities, wampum to symbolize agreed upon practices and attitudes.
- Explicitly address the notions of respect, when to be assertive, when to listen, how to hear and empathize.

Student knowledge, skills, and attitudes to explore – specific ideas for lessons, activities, and initiatives

- Socratic circles
- Sharing circles
- Share information for common goals
- * Collaboratively set norms, criteria
- * Peer feedback
- * Collaborate online (Outlook 365 Teams, Yammer, etc.)

Resources and valuable links:

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Collaboration: Reflective Questions

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Communication



Communication involves receiving and expressing meaning in different contexts and with different audiences and purposes. Effective communication increasingly involves understanding both local and global perspectives, societal and cultural contexts, and adapting and changing using a variety of media appropriately, responsibly, safely, and with regard to one's digital identity.

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Questions to initiate the discussion:

- How can a focus on communication help students achieve the learner outcomes? How might it apply and/or look different in your subject area and grade level?
- What strategies and approaches have you incorporated in your program to support student development of communication?
- What type of classroom environment supports communication?
- How might we adapt our practice to guide students with varying levels and expressive modalities to develop this competency?
- How might we lead students to approach this competency with a growth mindset, and learn to value the process, not just focus on the message?
- How might we model verbal, nonverbal and active listening behaviours, ways of thinking and communicative language in order to integrate this competency in our daily practice and help students practice metacognition?

Strategies for Educators:

- Model and use communication skills, attitudes and vocabulary in your classroom.
- Develop a culture of trust, mutual respect, and open communication in the classroom.
- Help students understand that we communicate differently in different situations depending on audience, culture.
- Explore how Indigenous ways of communicating and how this knowledge may be applied in various contexts (the chant, the drum, the talking circle wampum, etc.)
- Provide students with the opportunity to hear and see the beauty in languages: Wolastoqey-Peskotomuhkati, Mi'kmaw.
- Teach students how to engage in "active listening".
- Explore with learners how people's values, experiences and culture influence the way they communicate and perceive messages.

Student knowledge, skills, and attitudes to explore - specific ideas for lessons, activities, and initiatives

- Paraphrasing
- Practice active listening
- Speak, write, draw and gesture ideas
- Share ideas for a different audience
 Listen or read for intentional and unintentional messages
- Use language, symbols or gestures concisely

- * Use technology to create and share ideas and
- * Listen to several languages: Wolastoqey -Peskotomuhkati, Mi'kmaw
- * Have newcomers write their own languages and speak their own languages for other students to see

Resources and valuable links:

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Critical thinking and problem-solving involves addressing complex issues and problems by acquiring, processing, analyzing, and interpreting information to make informed judgments and decisions. The capacity to engage in cognitive processes to understand and resolve problems includes the willingness to achieve one's potential as a constructive and reflective citizen. Learning is deepened when situated in meaningful, real-world, and authentic experiences.

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Questions to initiate the discussion:

- What strategies and approaches have you incorporated in your program to deepen students' ability to think critically?
- How might we lead students to approach this competency with a growth mindset and learn to value the reflective process, not just the end product?
- How can we establish an environment in which the habits and the classroom culture reflect critical thought?
- How might we model thinking traits and language in order to integrate this competency in our daily practice?
- How might we help students practice metacognition?
- What types of school and community problems can students solve?
- What groups/organizations might offer ideas of problems for students to solve?

Strategies for Educators:

- Create a culture where mistakes are valued as an important part of learning.
- To orient learners to problem-solving, have them deal with dilemmas/issues from the news.
- Invite students to engage with real world problems where students ask questions, conduct research, synthesize information, and draw their own conclusions.
- Engage learners in real-world community problems to solve.
- Teach learners how to develop critical questions.
- Engage learners in critical inquiry.

Student knowledge, skills, and attitudes to explore – specific ideas for lessons, activities, and initiatives

Compare and Contrast – identify how elements are the same and how they are different;

Cause and Effect – demonstrate underlying causal relationships and resulting effects;

Infer – speculate or reach a conclusion based on known facts.

Organize – put things in order (sequencing), arranging, classifying or categorizing;

Apply – apply procedures or methods to test a hypothesis, theory or formula.

Identify Relationships – look for trends or patterns, or identify and organize component parts;

Estimate – make estimations and describe and justify estimation strategies;

Design – design devices or experiments to determine solutions to problems (often requires educated judgments about information to propose new solutions);

Evaluate Information – determine what constitutes credible information and explain judgments;

Justify and Defend – formulate and defend a position on a topic or issue.

Resources and valuable links:

ASD-S SharePoint GCs Site TC2 - The Critical Thinking Consortium The Physical Educator

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Innovation, Creativity, and Entrepreneurship



Foundational skills of literacy and numeracy and core learning in subject areas.

Innovation, creativity, and entrepreneurship involves the ability to turn ideas into action to meet the needs of a community. The capacity to enhance concepts, ideas, or products to contribute new-to-the-world solutions to complex social, ecological, and economic problems involves leadership, taking risks, independent/unconventional thinking, soliciting and incorporating feedback, and experimenting with new strategies, techniques, or perspectives through inquiry research. Entrepreneurial mindsets and skills focus on building and scaling an idea sustainably.

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Questions to initiate the discussion:

- How can a focus on creativity and innovation help students achieve the learner outcomes?
 How might it apply and/or look different in your subject area and grade level?
- What type of classroom environment supports creativity and innovation?
- What is an entrepreneurial spirit? A can-do attitude? How can we develop and support this?
- How can learners apply their innovation and creativity to solve authentic problems?

Strategies for Educators:

- Ask students open ended questions that invite curiosity, wonder and risk taking.
- Encourage students to approach ideas from different perspectives.
- Provide tools and opportunities for tinkering with objects or ideas.
- Support students to choose and explore creative projects that connect with or challenge their interests or abilities.
- Highlight stories of innovation
- Learners may identify an inconvenience in everyday life, then innovate to address this
- Learners may identify a global issue and creatively express their perspectives

Student knowledge, skills, and attitudes to explore - specific ideas for lessons, activities, and initiatives

Imagine- learners may be placed in scenarios to solve problems through innovation

Explore- ideas or techniques

Play- with elements, objects or ideas

Design- to purposely shape objects, materials or procedures

Compose- select and combine elements to create something of value

Deconstruct-books, poems, or objects into smaller parts to see how they were created and could be re-created

Improvise- spontaneously compose, say, execute or arrange ideas or objects

Resources and valuable links:

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Innovation, Creativity, and Entrepreneurship: Reflective Questions

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Involves becoming self-aware and self-managing of one's identity, efficacy, and belief in themselves as a learner. The ability to identify opportunities, set goals, establish and monitor plans while adapting to change and adverse conditions. The capacity to self-regulate, manage one's holistic well-being, self-assess, and advocate for support in an ever-changing world. Learners who are self-aware and self-manage effectively are better situated to be lifelong learners, personally fulfilled, and a contributing citizen.

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Questions to initiate the discussion:

- Think of a recent experience that required you to assess and/or reflect on your personal growth and well-being. Drawing upon your own experience, why is the development of this competency important?
- What type of classroom environment supports personal growth and well-being?
- How might we guide students in each of our subject areas and grade levels to approach learning and personal wellness with a growth mindset and to develop strategies, persistence, and productive habits?
- How might school staff work together to help students achieve a balance in emotional, intellectual, physical, social and spiritual aspects of personal growth and well-being?

Strategies for Educators:

- Use student learner portolios to highlight their development within the subject.
- Help students to connect how their emotional, intellectual, physical, social and spiritual wellbeing influences, and are influenced by their learning.
- Provide opportunities for students to set S.M.A.R.T. goals (specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and timely).
- Help students connect classroom learning with their personal experiences or goals.
- Teach students strategies to help them become
- resilient and adaptive learners.
- Help students understand their own multiple intelligences so they can: explain their learning preferences, discuss/appreciate the different ways people learn, identify areas of strength/growth; and determine next steps required to further learning.

Student knowledge, skills, and attitudes to explore – specific ideas for lessons, activities, and initiatives

- Set personal goals (learning, social, physical, spiritual and financial goals)
- Build and use portfolios- to track and celebrate growth
- Make connections- to interests, passions, personal strengths or career possibilities.
- Identify and develop- personal strengths and interests.
- Find support and resources to help achieve personal goals.
- Adapt- to changing conditions.
- Reflect on how emotional, intellectual, physical, social and spiritual well-being influence growth.

Resources and valuable links:

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Self-Awareness and Self-Management: Reflective Questions

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Sustainability and global citizenship involves reflecting on and appreciating diverse world views and perspectives and understanding and addressing social, ecological, and economic issues that are crucial to living in a contemporary, connected, interdependent, and sustainable world. It also includes the acquisition of knowledge, motivation, dispositions, and skills required to be an engaged citizen with an appreciation for the diversity of people perspectives.

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Questions to initiate the discussion:

- Think of a recent cultural experience or local/global issue. Drawing upon your own experience, why is the development of this competency important?
- How would you rate your level of engagement as a citizen and your willingness to advocate for individuals and communities? What helped you develop the qualities of an engaged, responsible citizen?
- Infusing cultural and global citizenship may require a pedagogical shift. How might you champion that shift in your curriculum/classroom/school?
- How can a focus on cultural and global citizenship help students achieve the learner outcomes? To what degree and what ways do you address issues associated with climate change and action?

Strategies for Educators:

- Model and use cultural and global citizenship skills, attitudes and vocabulary in your classroom.
- Promote citizenship by incorporating environmental, cultural or community service projects in the classroom.
- Create a classroom climate that builds relationships through empathy, understanding different perspectives, and celebrating differences.
- Promote cultural and historical understanding of First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples.
- Promote cultural and historical understanding of the Wolastoqiyik, Peskotomuhkati and Mi'kmaq (the Wabanaki Peoples)
- Teach or infuse elements of other languages or cultures in your classroom.

Student knowledge, skills, and attitudes to explore – specific ideas for lessons, activities, and initiatives

- Recognize and adhere to rules related to fairness, justice and equity.
- Recognize and celebrate how different cultures approach: concepts of age, sex, class, family, attitudes toward
 elders, adolescents, dependents, work, authority, age, death, spirituality, raising children, decision-making,
 problem solving.
- Use technology to connect with students in Indigenous communities, around Canada and the world seek their perspectives on issues.
- Have students participate in elections (e.g. CIVIX Student Vote)
- Have students involved in/lead environmental, climate action projects.

Resources and valuable links:

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Sustainability and Global Citizenship: Reflective Questions

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The NB Global Competencies in different subject areas, levels and roles

Exemplars in different subject areas in the classroom

Click on this link to access the exemplar folders

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Exemplars in contexts and roles outside of the classroom

Exemplars of school-wide initiatives

Exemplars Across Subject Areas, Grade Levels and Roles

This template may be used to collect exemplars across subject areas and roles. Educators are encouraged to simply identify outcomes targeted, describe the intitiative and then identify which of the GCs has been explicitly addressed accompanied by a brief explanation as to how the GCs have been purposefully embedded into the learning.

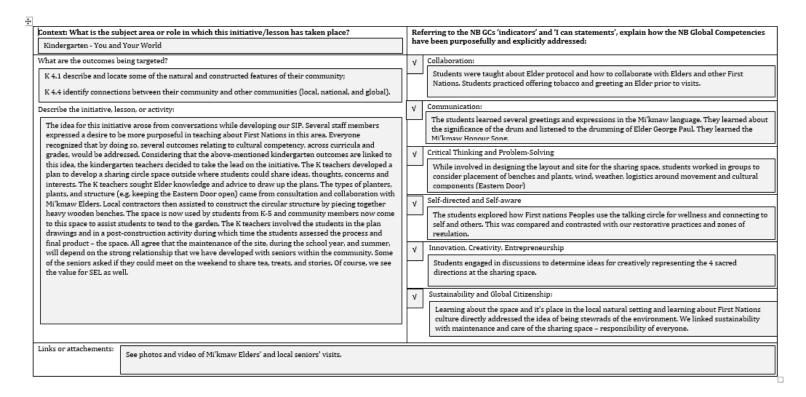
Entext: What is the subject area or role in which this initiative/lesson has taken place? What are the outcomes being targeted? Describe the initiative, lesson, or activity: Describe the initiative, lesson, or activity: Describe the initiative and Problem-Solving Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving Innovation. Creativity, Entrepreneurship Innovation. Creativity, Entrepreneurship Links or attachements:

Global Competencies: A tool for describing an exemplar of a lesson or initiative

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A completed sample of the Template to Collect Exemplars

This completed exemplar template describes an initiative undertaken by a kindergarten class. The teacher and students wanted to create an outdoor sharing space that was inspired and designed through Indigenous knowledge. Click on the link below to access the description and photos of this project.



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Ideas for Assessing the NB Global Competencies

"Assessment that works in the interests of children will enhance their ability to see and understand their learning for themselves, to judge it for themselves, and to act on their judgements." ~ Mary Jane Drummond

https://nbed.sharepoint.com/:w:/r/sites/EngagedandGloballyCompetentLearners/_layouts/15/Doc.aspx?sourcedoc=%7B3640421D-1ADD-48D1-AD4B 96417044A8C0%7D&file=Assessing%20the%20Global%20Competencies.docx&action=default&mobileredirect=true

Document Summary

This resource was developed to support the work of educators in ASD-S who strive to better understand and address the NB Global Competencies. The hope of the developers of this resource is that it is regarded and used as a starting point for discussion and a tool to generate ideas for initiatives and lessons that are informed by the NB GCs. In addition, this resource, along with the ASD-S Global Competencies Share Point site, offers a vehicle to collect and share exemplars of work that has been directed by the NB GCs. Feedback is always welcomed and will be used to improve this resource as we move ahead and as we strive to prepare learners to meet present and future challenges.