Students are the artists, scientists, thinkers, innovators and leaders of the future. They will be tasked with solving the problems of today, while imagining and creating a new tomorrow. Competencies are critical for equipping students with the knowledge, skills and attitudes that they will need to successfully navigate their personal journeys in learning, living and working.

Students use and develop competencies when they encounter unfamiliar or challenging situations. Competencies help students draw and build upon what they know, how they think and what they can do. In school, students develop and apply competencies through subject-area content and learning experiences. Alberta’s curriculum promotes development of the following competencies, which are a streamlined expression of the competencies identified in the Ministerial Order on Student Learning (#001/2013):

- Critical Thinking
- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Collaboration
- Managing Information
- Cultural and Global Citizenship
- Creativity and Innovation
- Personal Growth and Well-being

Alberta students develop competencies to achieve their full potential as lifelong learners and active citizens, today and in the future.