### Grades 6-8

Core Competencies / Curricular Competencies	Communication	Thinking	Personal & Social
Context & Defining  I can understand my needs, empathize with others and the environment, to identify the need for solutions.  I can listen to others, or ask questions, or find information about an issue  I can use what I learned by listening, asking questions and finding information to design a solution	Connect and engage with others (to share and develop ideas)  I recognize that there are different points-of-view and I can disagree respectfully.  Collaborate to plan, carry out, and review constructions and activities  I can work with others to achieve a common goal; I do my share.	Analyze and critique  ☐ I can identify criteria that I can use to analyze evidence.  Question and investigate ☐ I can ask open-ended questions and gather information.  Develop and design ☐ I can develop criteria for evaluating design options.	Contributing to community and caring for the environment  I can participate in classroom and group activities to improve the classroom, school, community, or natural world.  I contribute to group activities that make my classroom, school, community, or natural world a better place.
I can come up with my own ideas and add to the ideas of others  I can check my ideas to make sure they meet the needs of the user (criteria)  I can explain how my solution (has a	Connect and engage with others (to share and develop ideas)  I ask and respond to simple, direct questions.	Novelty and value ☐ I can get new ideas or build on other people's ideas, to create new things within the constraints of a form, a problem, or materials. Generating ideas ☐ I build on others' ideas and add new ideas of my own, or combine other people's ideas in new ways to create new things or solve straightforward problems. Develop and design	Self-determination  I can advocate for myself and my ideas.

positive) impacts myself, others and the environment I can pick an idea and work on it (consistently)		☐ I can make choices that will help me create my intended impact on an audience or situation.	
Prototyping  I can find and use information from many sources  I can make a plan and know what tools and materials I will need  I can test materials to determine which work best  I can make a "draft" and make changes from what I learn  I can keep a record of what I did with any changes I made	Explain/recount and reflect on experiences and accomplishments  I give, receive, and act on feedback.	Novelty and value  ☐ I generate new ideas as I pursue my interests. ☐ I get ideas that are new to my peers.  Developing ideas ☐ I make my ideas work or I change what I am doing.  Develop and design ☐ I can experiment with different ways of doing things.	Well Being  ☐ I can use strategies to find peace in stressful times.  Solving problems in peaceful ways ☐ I can solve some problems myself and can identify when to ask for help
Testing  I can test my idea, or what I make  I can ask others to tell me what they like,	Explain/recount and reflect on experiences and accomplishments  ☐ I give, receive, and act on feedback.	Novelty and value  ☐ I generate new ideas as I pursue my interests. ☐ I get ideas that are new to my peers.  Developing ideas ☐ I make my ideas work or I	Well Being  ☐ I can use strategies to find peace in stressful times.  Solving problems in peaceful ways ☐ I can solve some problems myself and can

or might change about what I make, or my ideas  I can use what I learn from others, and myself, to make changes and try again		change what I am doing.  Analyze and critique  ☐ I can reflect on and evaluate my thinking, products, and actions.  Question and investigate ☐ I can ask open-ended questions and gather information. ☐ I can consider more than one way to proceed in an investigation.	identify when to ask for help
Making  I can make my product and include the changes I learned about in previous stages.  I can make changes as I go when things are not working as I planned		Novelty and value  I get ideas when I play. My ideas are fun for me and make me happy.  Self-determination I can show a sense of accomplishment and joy.  Self-regulation I can persevere with challenging tasks.	Self-determination  I can show a sense of accomplishment and joy.  Well Being  I can use strategies to find peace in stressful times.  Solving problems in peaceful ways
Sharing  I can share my ideas and the things I make in ways that I want  I can tell someone a lot about what I make including	Acquire, interpret, and present information (includes inquiries) -  I can understand and share information about a topic that is important to me.  I present information clearly and in an organized way.	Analyze and critique  ☐ I can reflect on and evaluate my thinking, products, and actions.	Personal strengths and abilities  I can describe/express my attributes, characteristics, and skills