



## **Inter-Lakes Middle-High School**

### **High-Quality Learner-Centered Model Guide for Parents and Guardians Grades 9 - 12**

The Inter-Lakes School District has adopted a high quality learning model. This model provides a coherent framework to empower teachers, learners, and community members to realize the ILSD vision for learning.

Anchored in the explicit development of both core academic competencies and key personal competencies, this high quality learning model is driven by learner demonstration of proficiency and a core belief that the design of learner-centered pathways is the most powerful approach we can take to activate the ILSD design principles for learning. Also driven by a core belief that expectations of learning ought to be transparent to all, the competency documents are [accessible online](#).

<u>Traditional Assessment &amp; Grading Model</u>	<u>High Quality Learner-Centered Model</u>
Grades are recorded by the type of assessment (i.e. test, quiz, homework)	Learner achievement is recorded by competency.
Assessments are categorized as tests or quizzes.	Assessments fall into one of two categories: formative or summative.
Assessments report an overall grade with little or no details regarding achievement of learning goals.	Assessments provide feedback that is directly tied to a competency statement.
Tests are “terminal” events. Grades do not change and students move on whether or not they understand the material.	Learners are able to relearn and reassess in order to demonstrate mastery of learning goals.
Academic achievement and behavior are combined and reported as one grade.	Academic achievement is reported for each competency and behaviors are reported separately as Personal Competencies.
Grades are calculated by adding up points, which are unique from teacher to teacher.	Competency grades are derived using common practices.
Final course grades are derived quarterly. A final course grade is calculated as an average of those quarterly grades.	Teachers provide snapshots throughout the year of learner progress. A learner’s final grade will be reported at the end of the class/course.
Tests, quizzes, homework, and projects carry weights and average together to make a final overall grade.	Competency and overall grades are based on learning demonstrated through summative assessments. Teachers use common practices when deriving final grades.

## Glossary of Terms

**Competency Statements** articulate the settings in which a learner is called to transfer content knowledge, skills, and dispositions.

**Academic Competencies** communicate essential content knowledge and skills.

**Learning Goals** are the specific, measurable stages of achievement; they describe what learners should know and be able to do.

**Primary Learning Goals** articulate where the emphasis of instructional time, summative assessment, and grade reporting lies.

**Personal Competencies** are the essential skills, habits, and strategies learners need to actively engage and thrive in the learning cycle; these competencies support a successful educational experience.

**Rubrics** are assessment tools used to communicate various performance levels of proficiency.

**Formative Assessments** are used to gauge learner understanding and to provide feedback for further learning.

**Summative Assessments** are used to measure a learner’s mastery of the competencies; they provide cumulative data that indicate the level of learner proficiency for grade reporting.

**Relearning & Reassessment Opportunities** are integrated into practice and used to bring learners to proficiency and beyond.



# Summative Assessment Grades

<b>Insufficient Evidence (IE)</b>	<b>Developing Proficient (DP)</b>	<b>Proficient (CP)</b>	<b>Beyond Proficient (BP)</b>	<b>Proficient with Distinction (AP)</b>
Insufficient evidence is submitted to measure proficiency.	Essential content knowledge and skills are not yet demonstrated consistently, completely, and/or accurately.	Essential content knowledge and skills are demonstrated consistently using a developmentally appropriate level of independence. The learner applies practiced content and skills to familiar tasks using critical thinking.	Essential content and knowledge are demonstrated independently. Learner demonstrates evidence or initial practices of extending knowledge and skills beyond familiar tasks.	Extends knowledge and skills beyond essential content. Additional evidence may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Applying knowledge to an unfamiliar task.</li><li>• Creating a new product.</li><li>• Embedding connections across multiple courses and/or content area competencies.</li></ul>

# Overall Academic Competency Statement Grades for 7-12

## American & State Government - CBL

**DEVELOP QUESTIONS & PLAN INQUIRIES:** Students will construct essential and supporting questions and determine sources to answer those questions.

CP

**DISCIPLINARY CONCEPTS:** Students will apply disciplinary tools and concepts of the social sciences to gain understandings of the connections between the past, present, and future.

AP

**EVALUATE SOURCES & USE EVIDENCE:** Students will use technology and skills to gather information and express responses to essential and supporting questions through well-reasoned explanations and evidence-based arguments

BP

**COMMUNICATE CONCLUSIONS & TAKE INFORMED ACTION:** Students will make independent and collaborative evidence-based decisions and present conclusions in a public venue.

BP

Cooperation

Engagement

Reflection

**Course Academic  
Competency  
Statements**

**Overall Academic  
Competency  
Statement Grades**

Not Currently Taught (NCT)	Insufficient Evidence (IE)	Developing Proficient (DP)	Proficient (CP)	Beyond Proficient (BP)	Proficient with Distinction (AP)
None of the primary learning or standards aligned to this Academic Competency Statement have been assessed yet.	Insufficient evidence is submitted to measure proficiency.	The preponderance of evidence among all of the primary learning goals and standards is at the <b>Developing Proficiency</b> performance level.	The preponderance of evidence among all of the primary learning goals and standards is at the <b>Proficient</b> performance level.	The preponderance of evidence among all of the primary learning goals and standards is a mixture of <b>Proficient</b> and <b>Proficient with Distinction</b> performance levels.	The preponderance of evidence among all of the primary learning goals and standards is at the <b>Proficient with Distinction</b> performance level.

# Overall Class/Course Grades for 9-12

**Overall Course Grade**

<b>American &amp; State Government - CBL</b>	<b>BP</b>
DEVELOP QUESTIONS & PLAN INQUIRIES: Students will construct essential and supporting questions and determine sources to answer those questions.	CP
DISCIPLINARY CONCEPTS: Students will apply disciplinary tools and concepts of the social sciences to gain understandings of the connections between the past, present, and future.	AP
EVALUATE SOURCES & USE EVIDENCE: Students will use technology and skills to gather information and express responses to essential and supporting questions through well-reasoned explanations and evidence-based arguments	BP
COMMUNICATE CONCLUSIONS & TAKE INFORMED ACTION: Students will make independent and collaborative evidence-based decisions and present conclusions in a public venue.	BP
Cooperation	C
Engagement	C
Reflection	C

Not Currently Taught (NCT)	Insufficient Evidence (IE)	Developing Proficient (DP)	Proficient (CP)	Beyond Proficient (BP)	Proficient with Distinction (AP)
None of the primary learning or standards aligned to this Academic Competency Statement have been assessed yet.	At least one competency statement is at the Insufficient Evidence performance level.	At least one competency is at the Developing Proficient performance level.	The preponderance of evidence among the competency statements is at least at the Proficient performance level; AND none of the competency statements are at the Developing Proficiency level or Insufficient Evidence.	The evidence has a mixture of Proficient, Beyond Proficient, and/or Proficient with Distinction performance levels; AND the preponderance of evidence is at least at the Beyond Proficient performance level.	The evidence has a mixture of Beyond Proficient, and/or Proficient with Distinction performance levels; AND the preponderance of evidence among the competency statements is at the Proficient with Distinction performance level.



# Personal Competencies



**Personal Competency development is reported using the following scales for grades K - 12**

Needs Support/Instruction	Inconsistent	Often	Consistent
The learner needs modeling and/or direct support or explanation in order to perform the expectations.	The learner inconsistently performs and/or needs routine support in order to perform the expectations.	The learner needs occasional prompting or support in order to perform the expectations.	The learner independently and regularly performs the expectations.