



Success begins with Future-ready Skills

A research-based way to measure the skills students need for life beyond the classroom.

What we measure matters

To thrive in a rapidly changing world, students need more than academic knowledge. They must be able to think critically, collaborate effectively, take ownership of their learning, and engage responsibly in digital and civic spaces. These competencies are essential for navigating complexity, solving real-world problems, and contributing meaningfully to society.

Future-ready Skills

International research and policy frameworks, including those from the OECD, UNESCO, and the Partnership for 21st Century Learning (P21), emphasize that success in today's world depends on competencies that extend beyond traditional curriculum areas.

In response, The Learning Bar aligned these global perspectives with national and international curricula to provide reliable, valid, and actionable insights for educators.

We have developed eight core measures at the elementary and secondary levels that capture students' perceptions, experiences, and self-reported behaviours related to these competencies, providing insight into how students view their readiness to think critically, collaborate, engage responsibly, and direct their own learning.

Why education systems are prioritizing these measures now:

- Prepare students for a changing workforce
- Advance deeper learning and real-world application
- Align with evolving curriculum priorities
- Strengthen student engagement and agency
- Support responsible digital and civic participation

Together, these results can support school and system planning, instructional design, student engagement initiatives, and broader efforts to foster deeper learning and future-ready competencies.

EIGHT CORE MEASURES

Critical Thinking

Analyzing information and making reasoned decisions

Creativity

Generating and applying innovative ideas

Student Agency

Taking ownership and voice in learning

Lifelong Learning

Demonstrating curiosity and persistence

Interpersonal Skills

Communicating and understanding others

Collaboration

Working effectively toward shared goals

Digital Literacy

Using technology responsibly and effectively

Social Responsibility

Acting with empathy and contributing to community