**Communication Skills**

**Communication Skills are routinely displayed in students' everyday actions in the classroom — how they participate in lessons, contribute to the learning environment, treat their fellow students, and govern themselves.**

* **Communicates verbally**  
  Students provide oral responses. Evidence ranges from impromptu short answers during a lesson to completing a formal oral presentation.
* **Listens actively**  
  Students are noticeably engaged through notetaking, questioning, and responding.
* **Comprehends written material**  
  Students use/demonstrate reading skills by following written instructions/project   
  directions, reviewing print and digital resources, completing worksheets, and asking questions about what they have read.
* **Conveys information in writing**  
  Students rely on writing skills to organize lab reports, posters, and presentation materials and to take notes and reply to essay questions.
* **Observes carefully**  
  Students interpret verbal and nonverbal communication efforts of others.