

"Every student deserves to belong (affirmed, validated, and nurtured), be safe, and feel welcomed in all aspects of their daily experience."

—Nova Scotia Inclusive Education Policy, (2019).

The Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, Regional Centres for Education, CSAP, and partners are focused on the safety and well-being of students and educators. As we start this school year, the focus will continue to be on thoughtful and intentional instruction to ensure the future success of all students. The importance of ongoing learning and assessment is essential to supporting inclusive and equitable learning environments. The importance of knowing your students and building strong relationships are the cornerstones of the classroom community.

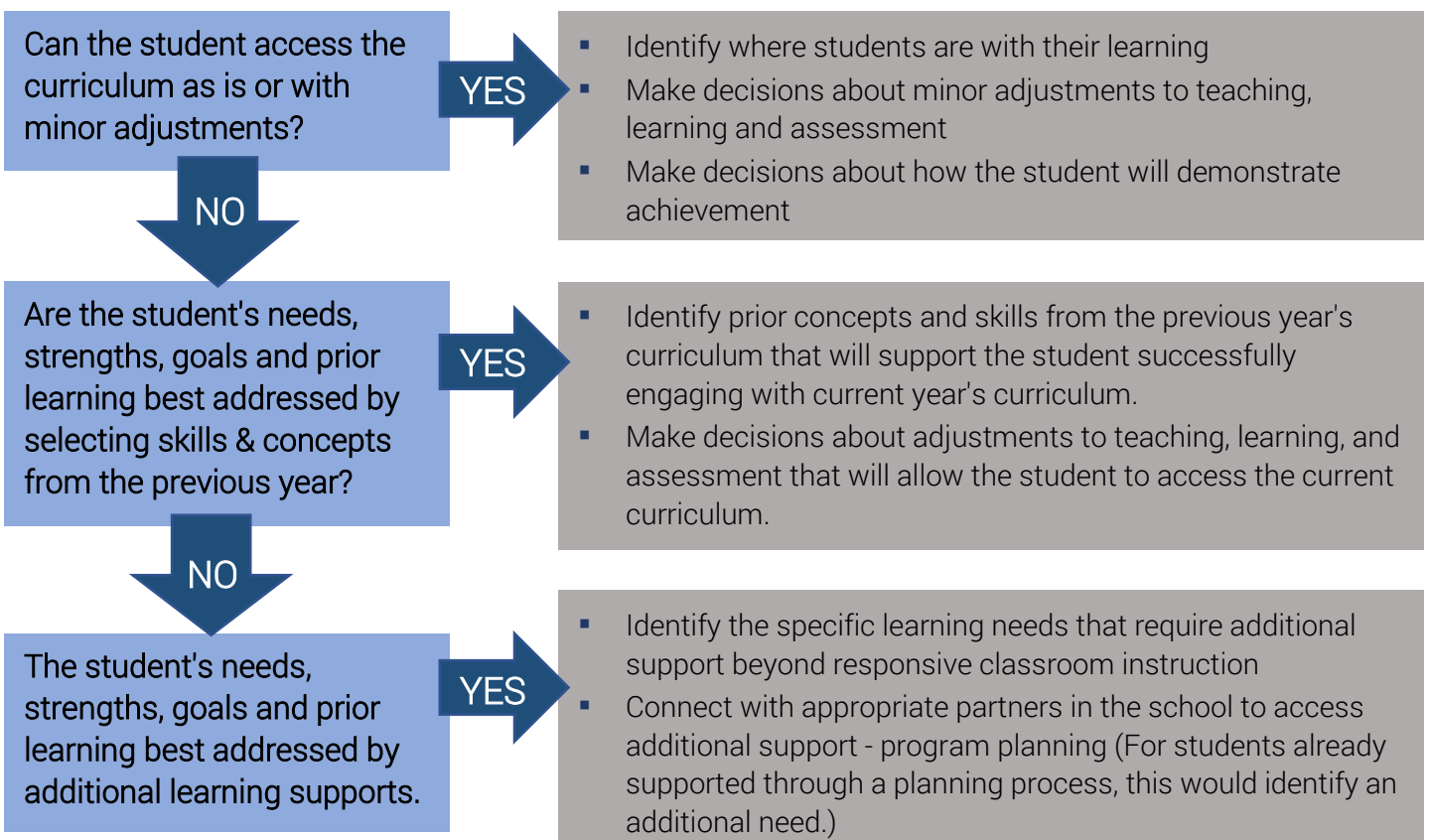
As teachers are aware, a supportive and positive learning environment has a profound effect on students' learning and well-being. In classrooms where students feel physically, socially, emotionally, and culturally safe and are challenged appropriately, they are more likely to be successful. Teachers recognize that not all students progress at the same pace, nor are they equally positioned in terms of their prior knowledge of concepts, skills, and learning outcomes.

Foundational outcomes will continue to be the focus for the 2022/23 school year. The Foundational outcomes for grades one through 12 mathematics and grades 9 through 12 language arts from the 2021/2022 school year are now the official outcomes. These outcomes can be accessed in the at-a-glance documents at each grade level for each discipline. Course guides are still relevant and include important information for teachers. Teachers are reminded to reference the At-A-Glance documents for outcomes when using course guides.

[\(curriculum.novascotia.ca/\)](http://curriculum.novascotia.ca/) The use of foundational outcomes in other disciplines, as noted below, remains at the discretion of teachers.

How do I support students moving forward?

The flowchart below helps teachers to identify where students are with their learning and to make decisions about responsive teaching and interventions. Following the graphic, teachers will find links to foundational learnings and supplementary support documents pertaining to subject specific areas.



Supporting Learning P-8

The curriculum in P-8 was renewed (2015-2022) to reflect foundational learnings. Additional information for teachers only is housed on the [e-learning site](#). Decisions about outcomes and supporting documents were made in consultation with teachers, subject specialists, and regional consultants.

Supporting Learning 9–12

The Foundational Learnings and supporting learning documents below represent outcomes and suggested instructional and assessment starting points for the school year. Decisions about foundational outcomes and supporting documents were made in consultation with teachers, subject specialists, and regional consultants.

Science

[Science 9 Foundational Outcomes](#)
[Science 10 Foundational Outcomes](#)
[Biology 11 Foundational Outcomes](#)
[Chemistry 11 Foundational Outcomes](#)
[Physics 11 Foundational Outcomes](#)
[Oceans 11 Foundational Outcomes](#)
[Biology 12 Foundational Outcomes](#)
[Chemistry 12 Foundational Outcomes](#)
[Physics 12 Foundational Outcomes](#)
[Geology 12 Foundational Outcomes](#)

Social Studies

[Citizenship 9 Foundational Outcomes](#)
[Canadian History Studies 11 Foundational Outcomes](#)
[Gaelic Studies 11 Foundational Outcomes](#)
[Economics 12 Foundational Outcomes](#)
[Global Geography 12 Foundational Outcomes](#)
[Global History 12 Foundational Outcomes](#)
[Global Politics 12 Foundational Outcomes](#)
[Law 12 Foundational Outcomes](#)
[Sociology 12 Foundational Outcomes](#)

Arts Education

[Arts Entrepreneurship 12 Foundational Outcomes](#)
[Dance 11 Foundational Outcomes](#)
[Drama 10-12 Foundational Outcomes](#)
[Music 9-12 Foundational Outcomes](#)
[Visual Arts 9-12 Foundational Outcomes](#)

Business Education

[Entrepreneurship 12 Supplementary Resource](#)

Family Studies

[Canadian Families 12 Foundational Outcomes](#)
[Child Studies 11 Foundational Outcomes](#)
[Food for Healthy Living 10 Foundational Outcomes](#)
[Food in Society 10 Foundational Outcomes](#)
[Food Preparation and Service 10 Foundational Outcomes](#)
[Food Studies and Hospitality 12 Foundational Outcomes](#)
[Health and Human Services 12 Foundational Outcomes](#)
[Housing and Design 12 Foundational Outcomes](#)
[Textile Production 10 Foundational Outcomes](#)
[Textile Technology 12 Foundational Outcomes](#)

Health Education

[Healthy Living 9 Foundational Outcomes](#)

Physical Education

[Physical Education 9 Foundational Outcomes](#)
[Physical Education 10-12 Foundational Outcomes](#)