

# Durable Skills: Critical Thinking

## Tier 1: Foundations (Grades K–2)

I ...

- Can tell when something doesn't make sense
- Ask questions when I'm confused
- Can tell the difference between a fact and an opinion

## Tier 2: Expanding Capacity (Grades 3–5)

I ...

- Give reasons for my thinking
- Compare two ideas to see how they are different
- Find clues in a story or situation to figure things out

## Tier 3: Agency & Transfer (Grades 6–8)

I ...

- Evaluate different viewpoints before making a decision
- Identify bias or unfair reasoning in what I read or hear
- Support my opinions with strong evidence

## Tier 4: Future Readiness (Grades 9–12)

I ...

- Analyze complex ideas and arguments
- Apply critical thinking in real-world problems and academic tasks
- Lead discussions that challenge assumptions and deepen understanding