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*Preparing our students to be*  
***FUTURE  
READY***  
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# PORTRAIT of a GRADUATE



Adaptability ♦ Collaboration ♦ Communication ♦ Critical Thinking ♦ Empathy  
Learner's Mindset ♦ Personal Responsibility

# Why Portrait of a Graduate?

- A Portrait of a Graduate is a collective vision that articulates our community's aspirations for all of our students.
- The Portrait is the first step in framing a new vision for our school system.
- The Portrait will be a North Star to guide our system's transformation.
- The Portrait guides the alignment of academic content, intentional experiences, and skill development for students to thrive in post-secondary options.
- Many school systems across the country have engaged their larger community in developing a Portrait of a Graduate – every school system's Portrait is unique, reflecting the shared vision of their community.



Continuous school improvement through the MTSS framework demands a holistic focus on academics, behavior, and culture, viewed through an equity lens. By interconnecting these elements with Social Emotional Learning and Attendance, we ensure our students are prepared for the future.



- How do all of our efforts connect to create a coherent system of support for students that leads to them being **FUTURE READY**

# Top 10 Workforce Skills for 2025



Analytical thinking & innovation



Leadership & social influence



Active learning & learning strategies



Technology use, monitoring & control



Complex problem-solving



Technology design & programming



Critical thinking & analysis



Resilience, stress tolerance & flexibility



Creativity, originality & initiative



Reasoning, problem-solving & ideation

## KEY



Problem-solving



Self-management



Working with people



Technology use & development

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with skills to respond to  
a changing tomorrow!*