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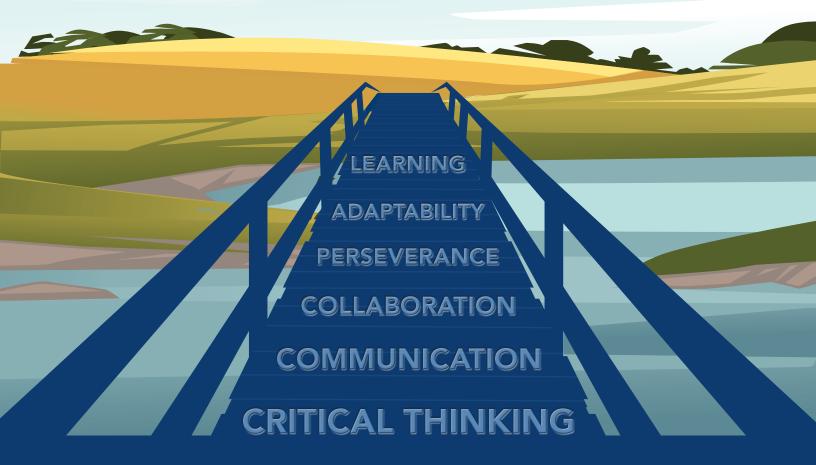




PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE

Portrait of a Graduate represents the Sandwich Public Schools' commitment to developing the skills that will support the success of our students beyond high school. We believe that these characteristics will prepare our students for the challenges of a changing world and equip them to make choices about their future. All of our students will learn and grow as they apply these skills, from PreK through Graduation.

Our community collaborated to identify these competencies, which will serve as the foundation for the 2022-2027 strategic planning process.



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CRITICAL THINKING

A graduate of Sandwich Public Schools...

- Understands the "bigger picture" and propose solutions that are mindful of the impact they may have on other parts of a system.
- Consistently improves the quality of one's own thinking by skillfully analyzing, assessing, and reconstructing
- Applies disciplined thinking that is clear, rational, open minded, and informed by evidence.
- Generates "out of the box thinking" fluently and with confidence. Brainstorms, building on the ideas of others. Evaluates ideas using clearly stated criteria.



COMMUNICATION

A graduate of Sandwich Public Schools...

- Uses and appreciates a wide variety of approaches that communicate thoughts, feelings and ideas to a range of audiences in a variety of settings.
- Articulates thoughts and ideas effectively using oral, written, and nonverbal skills in a variety of forms and contexts, for example through arts and media.
- Listens effectively to understand meaning, including knowledge, values, attitudes, and differing perspectives.
- Engages in respectful conversation with the intention of taking on new understandings.



COLLABORATION

A graduate of Sandwich Public Schools...

- Actively and openly listens to others' ideas without judgment that closes off contributions.
- Honors and highlights strengths to build collective commitment and action.
- Enriches the learning of both self and others by connecting through empathy.
- Elicits diverse perspectives and contributions to achieve collective outcomes.



PERSEVERANCE

A graduate of Sandwich Public Schools...

- · Exhibits character in the face of adversity.
- Understands that growth is the result of overcoming challenges.
- Embraces the belief that failure is productive and part of the pathway to success.
- Displays grit by bouncing back from failure or disappointment, and persisting when progress is slow, boring, tedious or difficult.



ADAPTABILITY

A graduate of Sandwich Public Schools...

- Demonstrates flexibility and resilience when acclimating to various roles and situations.
- Actively listens and respond to feedback, praise, setbacks, criticism, and changing priorities and/or conditions.
- Reaches solutions through open dialogue by understanding, negotiating, and incorporating diverse perspectives and beliefs.



LEARNING

A graduate of Sandwich Public Schools...

- Consistently seeks understanding and answers through asking questions.
- Develops positive attitudes and beliefs about lifelong learning.
- Demonstrates ongoing progress toward meeting content learning standards.
- Makes intentional decisions and progresses toward achieving highest academic potential, supported by differentiated learning experiences that develop self-management, responsibility and agency.