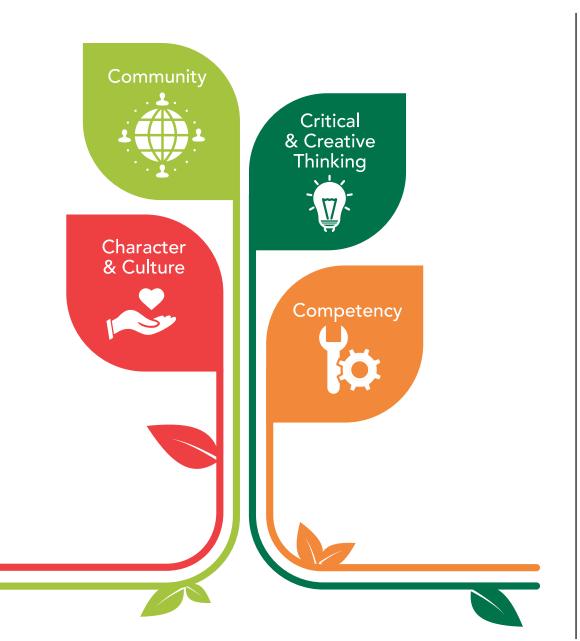# OREGON SCHOOL DISTRICT
PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE

The Oregon School District will provide an educational experience designed to help each student reach their full potential. We endeavor that students learn and master academic content, form meaningful relationships and develop the skills, aptitudes and characteristics important to meeting the challenges they may face in building rewarding lives. By the time of graduation, students must demonstrate *Competency* and have a strong foundation built through *Character & Culture*, *Critical & Creative Thinking*, and *Community* upon which to move forward as a member of their community and a global society.

Community

Critical & Creative Thinking

Character & Culture

Competency

Competency - *Graduates exhibit mastery of all assigned and self-selected learning standards as outlined in Board Policy 411.01*

Character & Culture - *Graduates exhibit traits that build a foundation leading to success in any chosen future and contribute to a caring and inclusive community.*

- Understanding the importance of respecting individual and cultural diversity.
- Empathy, including a willingness to seek and understand the perspective of others.
- Ability to employ strategies that support their own physical and mental wellness.
- Awareness to recognize an injustice and advocate for oneself and others.
- Adaptability, flexibility, and perseverance in the pursuit of meaningful educational, career, and personal goals.
- Anticipation and acceptance of the consequences of their actions.
- Motivation, curiosity, and the inspiration to be a lifelong learner.
- Skills necessary to be self-sufficient, including a knowledge base in personal finances.

Critical & Creative Thinking - *Graduates think critically and creatively in a variety of situations.*

- Ability to gather and analyze information while evaluating source credibility.
- Ability to utilize critical thinking to identify and solve problems.
- Ability to think creatively and innovatively on a variety of levels (e.g., cognitively, intellectually, and socially).
- Ability to work collaboratively and independently.

Community - *Graduates display the skills and understanding necessary to learn from and contribute to local and global communities.*

- Understanding and appreciation of the importance of being a responsible community member who exchanges ideas respectfully and values the input of ideas different from their own.
- Understanding of the manner in which our government operations at the local, state, national and global level.
- Ecological literacy and an understanding of the importance of sustainability and being a responsible environmental steward.
- Willingness to pursue opportunities such a club and extra-curricular participation, mentorships, internships, and community service activities.
- Employing digital citizenship - responsible use of the Internet and technology - when engaging with society.
- Ability to effectively communicate with others via a variety of mediums.

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