



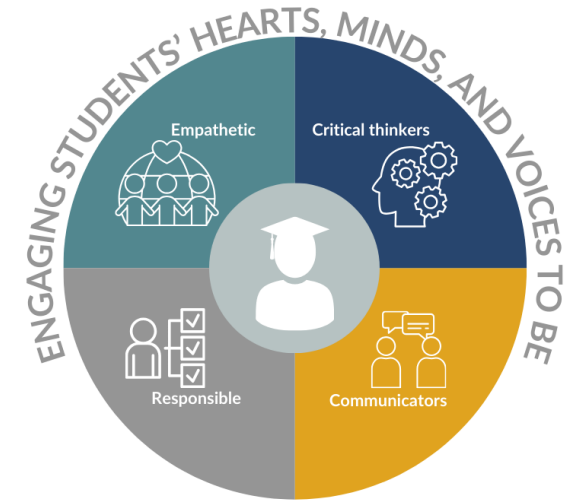
Portrait of a Graduate

SAU 70 Mission Statement:

In our Hanover and Norwich Schools, we engage students' hearts, minds, and voices so that they become educated, caring, and responsible adults. All students are given the opportunity and encouragement to use their...

- minds to pursue excellence, academic challenge, and personal success.
- hearts to respect and care for the emotional and physical well-being of themselves, others, and the environment.
- voices to contribute to the academic process and the common good.

In order to achieve this mission, our school community is committed to fostering these competencies in our students at each step in their educational journey:



Critical Thinking

Learners in our Hanover and Norwich Schools will...

- recognize the larger context and propose solutions that are mindful of the impact they may have on other parts of a system.
- develop the desire to learn, unlearn, and relearn through self-reflection, analysis, and assessment.
- apply disciplined and well-reasoned thinking that is clear, open-minded, and informed by evidence.
- understand, negotiate, and balance diverse views and beliefs to reach workable solutions

Empathy

Learners in our Hanover and Norwich Schools will...

- employ awareness, sensitivity, concern, and respect to connect with others' opinions, beliefs, experiences, and cultures.
- imagine and be curious about what others are thinking, feeling, or experiencing.
- celebrate and value diverse cultures and unique perspectives through mutual respect and open dialogue.

Responsibility

Learners in our Hanover and Norwich Schools will...

- honor commitments and own the outcomes, whether positive or negative.
- be accountable for their behavior and actions.
- contribute to the greater good of their schools, families, community, society, and environment, and take action to make the world a better place.

Communication

Learners in our Hanover and Norwich Schools will...

- articulate thoughts and ideas effectively in a variety of creative forms and contexts.
- read, write, speak, and use nonverbal communication skills to learn, create, and teach across all subject areas.
- listen and read effectively to decipher meaning, acknowledging context, values, attitudes, and intentions of others.
- value diversity of perspectives as a way to both acknowledge differences and find common ground.