









Northern York County School District  
Profile of a Graduate



# The Eight Components of the NYCSD Profile of a Graduate



Creativity    Communication    Critical Thinking    Collaboration    Contributing    Courageous    Competent    Conscientious

	<p>Graduates of the NYCSD have learned and understand the importance of <b>Creativity</b> in the learning process. They show this through their:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Openness to new ideas and concepts.</li> <li>• Curiosity for new learning.</li> <li>• Ability to use inquiry to solve problems.</li> <li>• Willingness to learn by trial and error.</li> <li>• Innovation through problem solving, taking risks, and exploring.</li> </ul>		<p>Graduates of NYCSD are <b>Contributing</b> members of the community, the nation and the world. They are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service minded and give voluntarily to help others.</li> <li>• Civically engaged and look for opportunities to serve the community.</li> <li>• Giving and understand the value of charity in our society.</li> <li>• Compassionate and empathetic to the needs and viewpoints of others.</li> </ul>
	<p>Graduates of NYCSD have strong skills in <b>Communication</b> as demonstrated through a strong emphasis in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speaking, including appropriate dialogue and effective public speaking.</li> <li>• Listening with the goal of understanding another's point of view.</li> <li>• Communicating non-verbally and its importance in our interactions.</li> <li>• Seeking feedback from others for the purpose of self-improvement.</li> </ul>		<p>Graduates of NYCSD are <b>Courageous</b> and demonstrate this by their ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fail forward and learn from their mistakes.</li> <li>• Be resilient and develop coping skills to use in adverse situations.</li> <li>• Persevere when faced with difficult tasks.</li> <li>• Self-advocate in an appropriate and respectful manner.</li> <li>• Adapt their mindset with the intent to grow and develop as a person.</li> <li>• Handle all matters in an ethical manner.</li> </ul>
	<p>Graduates of the NYCSD have honed the skill of <b>Critical Thinking</b>. This is evident in their ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Problem solve, by identifying a problem, brainstorming solutions for that problem, and selecting the best solution.</li> <li>• Observe for gathering information from the environment and surroundings and to use this information in the decision-making and critical thinking processes.</li> <li>• Reflect, by reviewing completed work, for evaluating progress and effectiveness.</li> <li>• Analyze, by evaluating ideas and information sources for validity, relevance and impact.</li> <li>• Synthesize information, by reasoning through and weighing evidence, to reach decisions and enact viable solutions to identified problems.</li> </ul>		<p>Graduates of NYCSD are <b>Competent</b> in a wide range of academic skills and are able to demonstrate that competency through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mastery of Core Content including literacy in mathematics, reading, writing, civics, and the scientific process.</li> <li>• Mastery of those areas that will impact life skills such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Personal financial awareness.</li> <li>○ Health and well-being, including physical fitness and mental wellness.</li> <li>○ Social media and the digital footprint left through its use.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Navigating the multitude of post graduation options including college, career, and military training.</li> </ul>
	<p>Graduates of NYCSD use <b>Collaboration</b> effectively and persistently and value:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teamwork and the impact a team has on accomplishing tasks.</li> <li>• The flexibility necessary to collaborate effectively.</li> <li>• Divergent thinking to engage others in thoughtful discussion.</li> <li>• Feedback from others to adapt ideas and persist in accomplishing difficult tasks.</li> </ul>		<p>Graduates of NYCSD are <b>Conscientious</b>, which is evident because they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-Directed,</li> <li>• Reliable,</li> <li>• Responsible,</li> <li>• Self-Disciplined,</li> <li>• Self-Motivated,</li> <li>• Lifelong Learners, and</li> <li>• Hard Workers.</li> </ul>