MERSD Vision of the Graduate

Empathetic Global Citizen

- Understands and accepts different cultures and beliefs
- Seeks out and participates in authentic cultural experiences
- Participates in meaningful community service
- Demonstrates an awareness of current events
- Recognizes cause and effect within a variety of global networks
- Understands the importance of acting as a responsible citizen

Responsible Collaborator

- Acknowledges and respects the perspective of others
- Active and equitable participation in group settings
- Seeks appropriate resources to carry out responsibility as part of a group
- Can identify and work towards a common goal
- Advocates for ideas while resolving conflict within a group

Critical Thinker

- Recognizes and questions implicit/explicit bias
- Evaluates ideas, information, and sources for validity, relevance, and impact
- Reasons and weighs evidence from multiple perspectives to reach conclusions
- Recognizes patterns and can make inferences
- Draws appropriate conclusions
- Considers multiple perspectives

Effective Communicator

- Mindful of audience interpretation
- Demonstrates responsible digital communication
- Expresses ideas in a purposeful and confident manner both verbally and in writing
- Writes and speaks clearly for a variety of audiences and purposes
- Employs active listening
- Acknowledges multiple perspectives
- Sustains and advances the conversation
- Able to present to a variety of audiences

Personally Accountable

- Mindful of audience interpretation
- Accountable for own words and actions
- Practices academic integrity
- Practices self-care skills
- Overcomes academic and personal barriers to meet personal goals
- Maintains work/life balance

Social/Emotional Awareness

- Demonstrates empathy
- Expresses emotions in a meaningful way

Innovative and Creative

- Demonstrates open-ended thought
- Takes risks
- Demonstrates curiosity
- Demonstrates habits of mind that identify the requisite skills and knowledge needed to solve a complex problem.
- When faced with a problem, recognize and understand failures and seeks alternate solutions independently