

# PORTRAIT OF A MARAUDER



## THINKING & LEARNING

This category represents the intellectual foundation and cognitive agility that empower our students to adapt, solve problems and create in diverse contexts.

### Critical Thinker

New York Mills graduates are able to thoughtfully analyze information from multiple sources, weigh evidence and form reasoned conclusions. They identify patterns and connections across disciplines, apply logic and insight to complex challenges and make informed decisions in academic, professional and personal settings.

### Creative Innovator

New York Mills graduates harness curiosity, imagination, and flexible thinking to explore possibilities and design innovative solutions. They take calculated risks, embrace challenges, and adapt fluidly to new circumstances, using creativity not just for self-expression but as a means to improve systems, processes, and communities.

## COMMUNICATION & UNDERSTANDING

This category focuses on the essential skills of expression, empathy and cross-cultural understanding needed to thrive in a global, interconnected society.

### Effective Communicator

New York Mills graduates articulate ideas with clarity, confidence and purpose in both spoken and written forms, as well as through digital and visual media. They engage actively in listening, adjust communication styles for different audiences and seek understanding.

### Global Citizen

New York Mills graduates understand and respect diverse perspectives and cultures. They act responsibly and ethically in local, national and international contexts, applying civic knowledge and skills to promote sustainability, equity and positive change in their communities and the wider world.

## GROWTH & COLLABORATION

This category reflects the personal and interpersonal skills that sustain lifelong growth, resilience and the ability to work effectively with others.

### Reflective and Future-Focused

New York Mills graduates are self-aware learners who reflect on their strengths and areas for improvement. They set meaningful personal and academic goals, cultivate resilience and prioritize their social, emotional, and mental well-being while preparing for the challenges and opportunities of the future.

### Academically Prepared

Students complete their K-12 journey with a strong mastery of the New York State Learning Standards, equipped for success in college, careers, civic engagement and life. They possess both the academic knowledge and the adaptive skills to continue learning beyond formal education.