Durable Skill Building

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Building Durable Skills for Future-Ready Students

Students need more than book smarts and technical knowledge to flourish in education and the workplace. Success will require relational and critical thinking skills that enable individuals to navigate obstacles and work with others.

Core Skills Grow Year After Year — Just Like Your Students

Self-Awareness

Grades PreK-5
Students practice noticing feelings in their bodies, naming emotions, and articulating their needs + preferences.

Grades 6-9
Students reflect on their actions, acknowledge their mistakes, and learn stress management techniques.

Grades 10-12
Students dive deep into personal interests, explore different perspectives, and develop tools for navigating challenges + uncertainty.

Adaptability

Grades PreK-5
Students acknowledge difficult emotions, explore curiosity, and consider the consequences of their actions.

Grades 6-9
Students develop growth mindsets, practice leadership skills, and learn to approach new + challenging situations as learning opportunities.

Grades 10-12
Students practice self-discipline + motivation, approach learning with a metacognitive lens, and connect meaning to their actions in + out of school.

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Empathy

Grades PreK-5
Students explore intent vs. impact, practice forgiving others, and celebrate others' achievements.

Grades 6-9
Students deepen relationships with others + their community, work with others across differences, and practice collaborative problem-solving.

Grades 10-12
Students explore ways to objectively evaluate situations, practice noticing verbal + nonverbal social cues, and view situations through multiple lenses.

Collaboration

Grades PreK-5
Students practice communicating, actively including others, and taking turns.

Grades 6-9
Students learn to notice + acknowledge emotions in interpersonal settings, deepen their compassion, and practice seeking help + offering it to others.

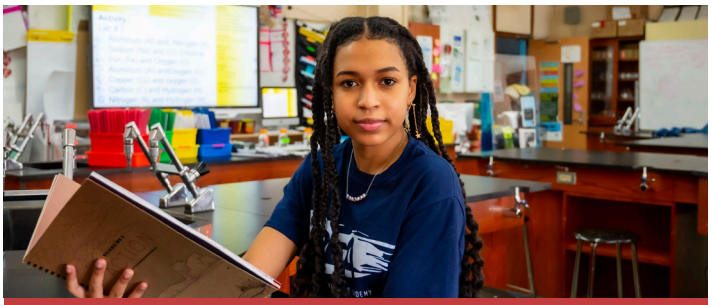
Grades 10-12
Students build cultural competence, give + receive constructive feedback, and learn to approach situations with consideration of a common good.

Agency

Grades PreK-5
Students access the resources available to them, practice standing up for others, and learn to trust in themselves + their abilities.

Grades 6-9
Students develop ways to set and follow through on personal + collective goals, practice assessing problems + brainstorming effective solutions, and reflect on their role in protecting personal + communal well-being.

Grades 10-12
Students deepen critical thinking to analyze information, examine influences + pressures, and explore ethical decision-making.



Purpose

Grades PreK-5
Students learn more about what they enjoy and appreciate, what they care about and why, and how they can make an impact on their community.

Grades 6-9
Students practice observant awareness, make connections between their experiences + the larger world, and begin to make meaning from daily occurrences + the impact of interconnectedness.

Grades 10-12
Students apply their learning to local, national, or global communities; practice encouraging understanding; and connect their personal interests + perspectives to larger contexts to set themselves on flexible, intentional + personally meaningful paths.

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