

## OVERVIEW OF PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE PROCESS

### Why a Portrait of a Graduate?

- A Portrait of a Graduate is a collective vision that articulates community aspirations for **all** students – it can be done at a district, regional or state level.
- As a community, it is important to ask:
  - What are the **hopes, aspirations, and dreams** that our community has for our young people?
  - What are the **skills, mindsets and content** that our children need for success in this rapidly changing and complex world?
- The Portrait of a Graduate is an essential step in connecting schools and their community in defining student success and making system adjustments. Now more than ever, learning experiences must not only provide for the acquisition of rigorous academic content, but they must also be more intentional about fostering critical thinking, communication, collaboration, creativity, and other learning and working skills our young people need to thrive in a complex, rapidly changing world.
- Many school systems across the country have engaged their larger community in developing a Portrait of a Graduate – every Portrait is unique, reflecting the shared vision of their community. It informs and connects planning and partnerships focused on talent and workforce development, community development and student and community well-being.
  - Visit [PortraitofaGraduate.org/Resource-Hub](https://PortraitofaGraduate.org/Resource-Hub) for examples in the Gallery section.

### Who Engages in the Design of a Regional Portrait of a Graduate?

