

Franklin Public Schools
Franklin, MA
Portrait of a Graduate

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[PLACEHOLDER for GRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION]

The Franklin Public Schools' Portrait of a Graduate represents the community's consensus of five **essential skills** each student practices and develops, individually and collaboratively through teamwork throughout all grades in Franklin Public Schools. Understanding that the development of these skills is a lifelong process, FPS looks to provide a foundation for graduates' future learning, growth, fulfillment, and success.

Confident and Self-Aware Individual

- Develops and applies content knowledge, skills, and literacies (including financial and digital) within and across academic disciplines
- Accurately recognizes and manages one's emotions, thoughts, values, and behavior
- Accurately assesses and identifies one's strengths, interests, needs, and passions, as well as areas for growth
- Demonstrates resilience and perseverance; develops a growth mindset and asks for help
- Makes healthy, responsible decisions to achieve well-being

Empathetic and Productive Citizen

- Demonstrates social-awareness through inclusivity and the consideration of various perspectives
- Applies ethical reasoning and acts with care and integrity
- Develops an understanding of civics and democratic principles; applies lessons from historical knowledge to contemporary situations
- Applies knowledge and skills to contribute to local, global, and environmental solutions with personal responsibility

Curious and Creative Thinker

- Asks inquiry-driven questions and takes initiative to seek answers
- Analyzes, evaluates, and synthesizes relevant information from multiple perspectives, varied viewpoints and sources.

- Employs self-reflection while being courageous, independent, and flexible in one's thinking.
- Expresses one's self creatively

Effective Communicator and Collaborator

- Listens with an open mind and embraces a respectful, inclusive, and culturally aware approach
- Uses multiple communication strategies and literacy skills (oral, written, visual) to convey ideas including in a digital environment
- Selects appropriate mode of communication for the desired result (audience, purpose, intent, etc.)
- Contributes to teamwork and builds relationships, including conflict resolution and consensus building

Reflective and Innovative Problem-solver

- Identifies and analyzes problems from multiple perspectives
- Designs, proposes, and iterates goal-oriented and forward-thinking solutions to apply to personal and real-world situations
- Apply technologies, as appropriate, as problem-solving tools