Every school system is unique, and is connected by a shared aspiration: that all students have an educational experience preparing them to be successful post-graduation. Now more than ever, that learning experience must not only provide for the acquisition of rigorous academic content, it must also be more intentional about fostering critical thinking, encompass specific 21st century skills, and habits of mind needed to navigate and thrive in a complex, rapidly changing world.

Our Portrait of a Graduate process involved a sustained conversation leading to shared agreement focused on a unique community-owned picture of what graduates need for success.

Through utilization of an inclusive process, the Portrait of a Graduate encompasses the community’s collective vision for our students. This process was branded #theirfuture2032, as 2032 is when our 2019 incoming kindergartners will graduate from high school.

The Olathe Public School’s Portrait of a Graduate with the competencies that are valued by our Olathe community in order to ensure our students are prepared for learning, work, and life after high school graduation. In addition, the competencies identified in our Portrait of a Graduate drove the creation of an updated Strategic Framework which encapsulates the competencies and drive our future work as a district and as a community.
The strategic goals will serve as a road map to guide the Board of Education, superintendent, superintendent's leadership team, administrators, teachers, employees, and community stakeholders in the development of policies, practices, objectives, strategies, and initiatives in order to achieve the district mission, vision, values, goals, and Portrait of a Graduate. In creating these goals, we will move the strategic framework into action plans that we will pursue in order to close the gap between our current realities and desired performance.