

III. Portrait of a Graduate/Strategic Framework

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.

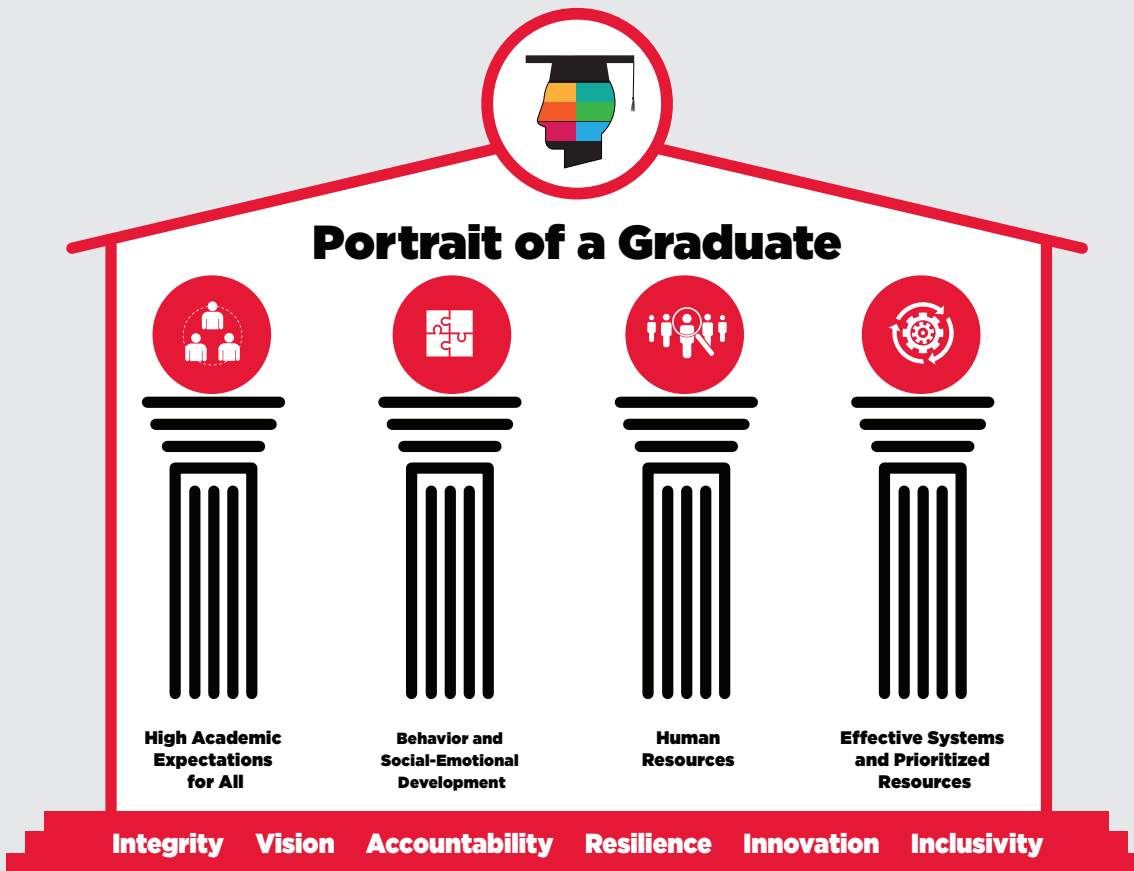
Our **Portrait of a Graduate** process involved a sustained conversation leading to shared agreement focused on a unique community-owned picture of what graduates need for success.

Through utilization of an inclusive process, the **Portrait of a Graduate** encompasses the community’s collective vision for our students.

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.



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While the goals and action plans noted here may or may not have associated costs, current budgets are aligned with the state reporting structure, making it difficult to segregate these costs. A project to adjust our account code structure to allow this segregation while remaining in compliance with the state reporting structure is underway. These adjustments will allow us to better track the cost of individual goals and action plans.

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.

