

VAL VERDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE



CRITICAL THINKING

- Students collect, assess and analyze relevant information.
- Reason effectively and use systems thinking.
- Make sound judgement and decisions.
- Identify, define and solve authentic problems and essential questions.
- Reflect critically on learning experiences, processes and solutions.



FLEXIBILITY

- Students adapt to varied roles, jobs responsibilities, schedules and contexts.
- Work effectively in a climate of ambiguity and changing priorities.
- Incorporate feedback effectively. Deal positively with praise, setbacks and criticism.
- Understand, negotiate and balance diverse views and beliefs to reach workable solutions in multi-cultural environments.



CREATIVITY

- Use a wide range of idea creation techniques (such as brainstorming, divergent & convergent thinking).
- Elaborate, refine, analyze and evaluate their own ideas in order to improve and maximize creative efforts.
- Demonstrate originality and inventiveness and understand real world limits to adopting new ideas.
- View failure as an opportunity to learn; understand innovation is a long-term, cyclical process of small success and frequent mistakes.
- Act on creative ideas to make a tangible and useful contribution to the field in which the innovation will occur.



COMMUNICATION

- Students articulate thoughts and ideas effectively using oral, written and nonverbal communication skills in a variety of forms and contexts.
- Listen effectively to decipher meaning including: knowledge, values, attitudes and intentions.
- Use communication for a range of purposes (e.g. to inform, instruct, motivate and persuade).
- Utilize multiple media and technologies, and know how to judge their effectiveness and assess their impact.
- Communicate effectively in diverse environments (including multi-lingual).



COLLABORATION

- Students demonstrate ability to work effectively and respectfully with diverse teams.
- Exercise flexibility and willingness to be helpful in making necessary compromises to accomplish a common goal.
- Assume shared responsibility for collaborative work, and value the individual contributions made by each team member.

