

Characteristics

Characteristics are traits that enhance our ability to perform different tasks successfully.

Resilient

Students who are resilient face and overcome adversity and challenging situations. They take risks, learn from mistakes, persevere, and move forward confidently.

- **Why is it needed?** Our students are living and learning in a world full of economic, environmental and social challenges and opportunities. They may have many different careers throughout their lifetime.
- **How will we develop it?** We will develop resiliency in our students by having high, achievable expectations for their learning, and supporting, guiding and nurturing them through the learning process. We will immerse our students in a variety of authentic learning situations in which they will acquire the skills to adapt to changing conditions.

Globally Aware

Students who are globally aware are empathetic and responsive in their contributions to the local and global community. They demonstrate cultural proficiency and act in a respectful, inclusive manner.

- **Why is it needed?** Our students' world is diverse and competitive, and the required cross-cultural skills are growing in complexity.
- **How will we develop it?** We will develop global awareness in our students by providing them with related learning opportunities that explore topics such as equity, global economics, cultural proficiency, environmental stewardship, fiscal responsibility and social justice, and by promoting cultures of inclusion.

Collaborative

Students who are collaborative understand the importance of working cooperatively in a team setting. Collaboration values diverse perspectives and effectively utilizes each person's contributions.

- **Why is it needed?** Our students are in a world of complex tasks, which requires many minds working together. These tasks exist in our work and in social settings. Our sense of community is aided by our capacity to work collaboratively with others.
- **How will we develop it?** We will develop collaboration in our students by empowering them to work together with shared purpose, to learn from each other and with each other.

Innovative/ Creative

Students who are innovative and creative have original thoughts and ideas that are of value and are acted upon. They understand that creativity is essential not only for solving problems, but also for improving where strengths already exist.

- **Why is it needed?** Our students will need to be innovative and creative to develop solutions to complex issues that arise in our fast changing world. Our society has moved from the Industrial Age to the Information Age to the Creativity Age.
- **How will we develop it?** We will develop creativity in our students by ensuring that the conditions for creativity are in place in all our classrooms and work environments. We will encourage leadership, develop student voice, and cultivate a learning environment in which students are encouraged to explore new experiences and discover new ideas within the framework of the Ontario Curriculum. Students will learn in ways that are engaging, challenging, and meaningful.

Goal-oriented

Students who are goal-oriented have self-motivation, diligence, initiative and a sense of responsibility.

- **Why is it needed?** Our students will be goal-oriented in their work, knowing that achieving their full potential will help them reach their goals.
- **How will we develop it?** We will develop goal-oriented students by cultivating effective work habits and learning skills, helping them succeed in challenging yet attainable tasks, and by embedding character development in their daily schoolwork.