



K-12 MDUSD Graduate Profile

Mt. Diablo Unified School District

The MDUSD Graduate is a(n):

Effective Communicator: Is proficient in writing, speaking and listening adapted to audience, task, purpose and discipline.

Community Contributor: Uses acquired cultural awareness and sensitivity to work in teams to share ideas and responsibilities, solve programs, and achieve shared goals.

Complex Thinker: Thinks critically and creatively by identifying problems, assessing evidence and solutions and draws on multiple perspectives when approaching complex issues and adapting to challenges. Applies knowledge and skills while investigating, interpreting and analyzing information in order to develop and implement creative solutions to complex problems.

Effective & Ethical User of Technology: Ethically and thoughtfully employs a variety of digital media and technology to communicate, analyze and organize information, and create products and solutions.

Self-Directed Learner: Independently seeks and uses resources including teachers, peers, print and digital references with perseverance and endurance to engage in new learning toward academic, professional and personal goals.

Global Citizen and Responsible Worker: Demonstrates integrity, adaptability, and ethical behaviors by acting responsibly and working effectively in an ever-changing society.

Health & Wellness Advocate: Demonstrates a commitment to physical and mental well-being of self and others to make positive and healthy choices.

Graduate Profile Q&A

What is a Graduate Profile? A list of cross-disciplinary student learning outcomes for students to master by the time they graduate from high school in order to demonstrate readiness for success in college, career and civic life.

What are the Benefits of having a Graduate Profile? Having a Graduate Profile helps to focus and align what is being taught Pre-K through Adult with a common outcome. What teacher will teach at each level will be different but will all contribute to building the student learning outcomes outlined in the profile.

How will having a Graduate Profile help students? The student learning outcomes described in the profile will help MDUSD students obtain the 21st Century skills required to equip them to be better prepared for college, career and civic life.

Is the Graduate Profile aligned to the Common Core State Standards? Yes the Graduate Profile is aligned to the CCSS. An alignment chart outlining this will be created and provided to all stakeholder groups. Teachers will work to identify age-appropriate lessons and projects that help to teach and assess student progress toward mastering the student learning outcomes identified in the Graduate Profile.

How will teachers align what they are teaching to the Graduate Profile? Once the student outcomes have been vetted through various stakeholder groups and approved by the School Board, schools will align teaching and learning to the profile.

How was the Draft MDUSD Graduate Profile created? The Draft Graduate Profile was created by the Linked Learning Leadership Team comprised of high school principals, teachers and district directors. Sample Graduate Profiles from other school districts, High School Expected Student Learning Results (ESLR) as part of the WASC process, and essential skills and knowledge identified from business/industry were reviewed and discussed. The proposed 7 student learning outcomes resulted from analysis and reflection of these documents based on the individual student needs of MDUSD. The draft Graduate Profile was shared with elementary and middle school principals to gather input. Alignment with the elementary school report cards 21st Century skills strengthened the profile. Schools will share the profile with school staff in October 2014. The goal is to bring the Graduate Profile to the School Board for info/action at the October 29, 2014 meeting.

What is Linked Learning? Linked Learning is an approach that is transforming education for California students by integrating rigorous academics with career-based learning and real world workplace experiences. Linked Learning ignites high school students' passions by creating meaningful learning experiences through career-oriented pathways in fields such as engineering, health care, performing arts, law, and more. When students love what they're learning, they work harder, dream bigger, and learn more.