



OTTAWA-CARLETON  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

# EXIT OUTCOMES:

## Characteristics and Skills We Want for Our Learners



### CHARACTERISTICS



#### GOAL-ORIENTED

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

#### RESILIENT

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



#### 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.

#### 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.



#### 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.

### SKILLS



#### CRITICAL THINKERS

Students who are critical thinkers engage in reflective and independent thinking. They identify the relevance, validity and importance of ideas using rational and intuitive processes. They understand the logical connections between ideas. They construct and evaluate arguments using criteria. They generate solutions and create new ways of thinking.

#### ACADEMICALLY DIVERSE

Students who are academically diverse have strong literacy and numeracy skills; they will also have acquired a full spectrum of skills through exposure to a wide range of subjects including the arts, sciences, financial literacy, physical education, the trades and technology, in keeping with student needs.



#### DIGITALLY FLUENT

Students who are digitally fluent know how to engage with technology to enhance their learning; this includes interacting with, creating and sharing information (individually or collaboratively) in a responsible and ethical way to support their learning.

#### EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATORS

Students who are effective communicators are skilled at listening, speaking, questioning, and writing; they connect with people and know their audience.



#### ETHICAL DECISION-MAKERS

Students who are ethical decision makers model principles that govern their decisions through their actions. They embody honesty, respect and responsibility.