

SAU 21 Portrait of a Learner

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SAU 21 Educational Philosophy

We, the members of the SAU 21 educational community, are committed to developing lifelong learners who are creative and critical thinkers and who contribute to a changing global society. The SAU 21 educational community consists of students, teachers, parents, administrators, school board members and the community-at-large working collaboratively towards this mission

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Portrait Process & Timeline

2022-2023

- Establishment of working team and plan
- Student, teacher, administrative, community feedback
- Community feedback sessions
 - Select Boards, community organizations, career/ service organizations
- Validation of feedback and development of shared values (themes)
- Finalization & graphic representation
- Assessment of baseline data around themes

2023-2024

- Review of current initiatives and baseline data
- Themes serve as a lens for district and collective goal setting
 - Coherence- you should see programs and services embedded in the core pillars of the portrait.
 - Developmental Access- students should be able to exhibit these traits at all levels of their K-12 education
 - Ecosystem of learners- these should also represent traits present in the community and staff of our schools
- Touchpoints
 - Budgeting processes
 - Programming and infrastructure needs
 - Curricular implementation,
 - Career pathways offered at MS & HS

Core Theme #1: Academics



Students participate in individualized academic programming that meets their needs, interests, and abilities.

Academic Descriptors:

- Rigor
- Competency Based Education
- Personalized Pathways
- Trades/ Seacoast School of Technology
- Equity
- Data/ Analytics
- Support Structures for All Students
- Integration
- Service Learning
- STEM/ STEAM
- Learning Outside the Classroom
- College

Core Theme #2: Mindsets



Students demonstrate traits and habits that are critical to their success.

Mindset Descriptors:

- Openness to Change and Diversity
- Purpose
- Problem Solving
- Empathy
- Kindness
- Accountability
- Collaboration
- Resilience
- Creativity/ Innovation
- Communication
- Self-Direction
- Independence
- Curiosity
- Self-Knowledge
- Growth Mindset

Core Theme #3: Essential Life Skills



Students manage the career, financial, technological, and practical responsibilities necessary in a complex and changing world.

Essential Life Skills Descriptors:

- Digital Literacy
- Financial Literacy
- Goal Setting
- Business Communication
- Food & Nutrition
- Cooking
- Household Management
- Bridge to Career
- Public Speaking

Core Theme #4: Physical and Mental Wellness



Students live a balanced and healthy social, emotional, and physical life.

Physical and Mental Wellness Descriptors:

- Work Life Balance
- Mental Health Support
- Stress Management
- Social Emotional Learning
- Modeling by Staff
- Face to Face Interaction
- Emotional Connections
- Physical Activity
- Nutrition

Core Theme #5: Community Engagement



Students share a commitment to their local and global community.

Community Engagement Descriptors:

- Civic Engagement
- Sustainability
- Global Citizenship
- Ethical Decision Making
- Agency
- Community Connections
- Service