



7 ESSENTIAL SKILLS

Governor's graduates will be able to:

1 THINK CRITICALLY AND SOLVE PROBLEMS

Students will think broadly, deeply, and creatively. They will learn to ask good questions and to pursue answers to those questions via their mastery of verbal, quantitative, and visual reasoning informed by their command of core content knowledge. This knowledge will enhance students' appreciation for aesthetics and artistry. They will be flexible and tenacious, innovative and resourceful, engaged and objective.

2 COLLABORATE EFFECTIVELY WITH OTHER PEOPLE TO ACHIEVE COMMON GOALS

Students will develop the many skills and approaches needed for successful collaboration, including respect for everyone, effective listening, intellectual generosity, open-mindedness, diplomacy, persuasion, accountability, and candor while valuing diverse backgrounds and perspectives.

3 COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY IN WRITTEN, ORAL, DIGITAL, AND GRAPHIC FORMATS

Students will learn to write, speak, and present effectively across the range of forms in a variety of settings while taking their audience into consideration. Students will be comfortable using numbers, equations, data, visual representations, and models. Students will respect the rights and sensibilities of others.

4 BE THOUGHTFUL AND ENGAGED READERS

Students will discern meaning from various texts and offer interpretation and analysis. They will apply their understanding of content to important questions and particular contexts. Cultivation of these skills will encourage in students a life-long interest in reading.

5 ACCESS AND ANALYZE INFORMATION

Students will develop strong research skills that reflect a keen understanding of how to locate, evaluate, use, and cite sources in order to manage and interpret data and content in support of arguments and solutions.

6 ADAPT READILY TO NEW SITUATIONS AND INFORMATION

Students will develop strong executive function skills, including setting goals, organizing ideas, and managing time. They will be creative, resourceful, flexible, and resilient as they generate new ideas and apply knowledge to existing or novel problems. They will connect disparate ideas and extend their understanding across various domains and disciplines.

GUIDING PURPOSE

To prepare Governor's students to be life-long learners, responsible citizens, successful college students, and productive adults.

To encourage students to embrace the joys, challenges, and rewards of a life of the mind and of a life guided by ethical considerations.

7 UNDERSTAND THEMSELVES AS MEMBERS OF A LARGER COMMUNITY AND ACT WITHIN A MORAL AND ETHICAL FRAMEWORK

As students develop a clearer sense of self, they will better appreciate and respect others while coming to an understanding of the world and their own place in it. Students will access a variety of media and texts in order to stay informed about local, national, and world events and will gain a sense of individual responsibility within a larger social context.