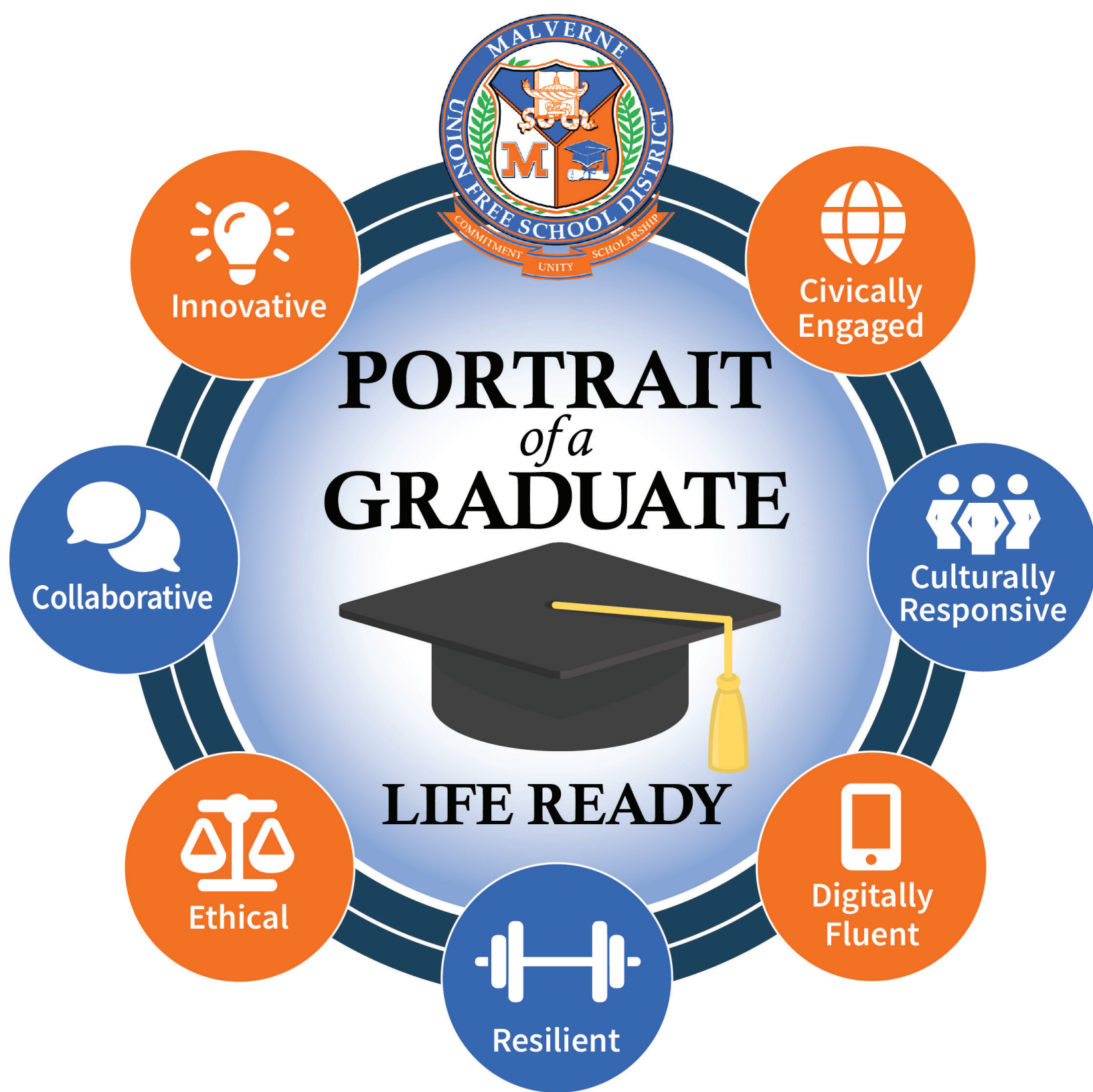


THE PORTRAIT OF A MALVERNE GRADUATE



Over the past year, a team of administrators has been working with parents, students, staff, alumni groups and community members to assemble the key competencies and characteristics that are envisioned when thinking about a Malverne graduate. More than 1,000 responses to surveys were considered in the process and input was solicited throughout the refinement process that led to the final seven competencies represented in this image today.

The goal of Portrait of a Graduate is to adequately shape students to the community's vision for what a Malverne graduate should emulate and to prepare them for life outside of school. On this page, we outline each of the seven competencies and what they specifically mean for a graduate. Although we commonly refer to graduates as those leaving the district, the Portrait of a Graduate are competencies that are shaped and established throughout a student's entire K-12 educational experience.

According to our survey:

- Graduates of Malverne High School are life ready, embodying 21st-century skills, character traits and the social-emotional competencies essential for excelling in college, career and life.
- Graduates embrace the challenges of an ever-changing world with dynamic career possibilities.
- Graduates are scholars, musicians, researchers, performers and athletes prepared to navigate a globally inclusive environment.
- Graduates are digitally fluent with an appreciation for quality, face-to-face collaborative relationships.
- Graduates are prepared to debate ethically and articulately challenge ideas through complex problem-solving, critical thinking and innovative approaches.
- Graduates have a vital connection with their community, combining an awareness of the challenges of the past with a commitment to making contributions for an even brighter future.

CIVICALLY ENGAGED

Our graduates:

- Demonstrate a combination of knowledge, skills, actions, mindsets, experiences and values necessary to make a positive difference and function as productive civic participants within their schools, communities, states, countries and the world.
- Actively involve themselves in their local and global communities and can make a difference in the civic lives of those communities.
- Possess expertise to debate and dialogue with people with different viewpoints and backgrounds.

CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE

Our graduates:

- Recognize that diversity is an asset.
- Respect and are sensitive to the positionality, lens, voice and opinion of others.
- Are accepting and inclusive of all people regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation or ability.
- Celebrate the history, traditions, language, culture and personal experience of themselves and others.

DIGITALLY FLUENT

Our graduates:

- Leverage traditional and emerging technology to consume, create, communicate and connect.
- Practice responsible citizenship in an increasingly digital world.

RESILIENT

Our graduates:

- Demonstrate perseverance and determination when faced with adversity.
- Embody strong self-confidence and self-efficacy.
- Reframe setbacks as opportunities for growth.
- Engage in advocacy for self and others.
- Reflect on successes and challenges, and make appropriate adjustments to meet academic, personal and professional goals.

ETHICAL

Our graduates:

- Analyze and conceptualize moral behavior to determine what is right from wrong.
- Understand the foundations of our country, valuing our rights, privileges and responsibilities.
- Practice honesty and are sincere with word, actions and thoughts.
- Respect confidentiality.
- Recognize and avoid conflicts of interest.

COLLABORATIVE

Our graduates:

- Convey thoughts and ideas effectively using communication skills in various forms and across contexts.
- Listen actively and intentionally to understand meaning and diverse perspectives, including knowledge, values and attitudes.
- Consider all audiences and ensure equity of voice, especially in a group setting.
- Give generously of their knowledge, skills, help and encouragement.
- Demonstrate flexibility and adapt to unexpected challenges.
- Work well with others and acknowledge their contributions.

INNOVATIVE

Our graduates:

- Demonstrate curiosity and creativity through questioning and imaginative exploration.
- Take risks and utilize failures as a learning opportunity.
- Apply knowledge to new contexts and across disciplines.
- Are open to learning by acknowledging the limits of their own knowledge.
- Alternate between abstract and concrete thinking.
- Utilize flexible problem-solving strategies.