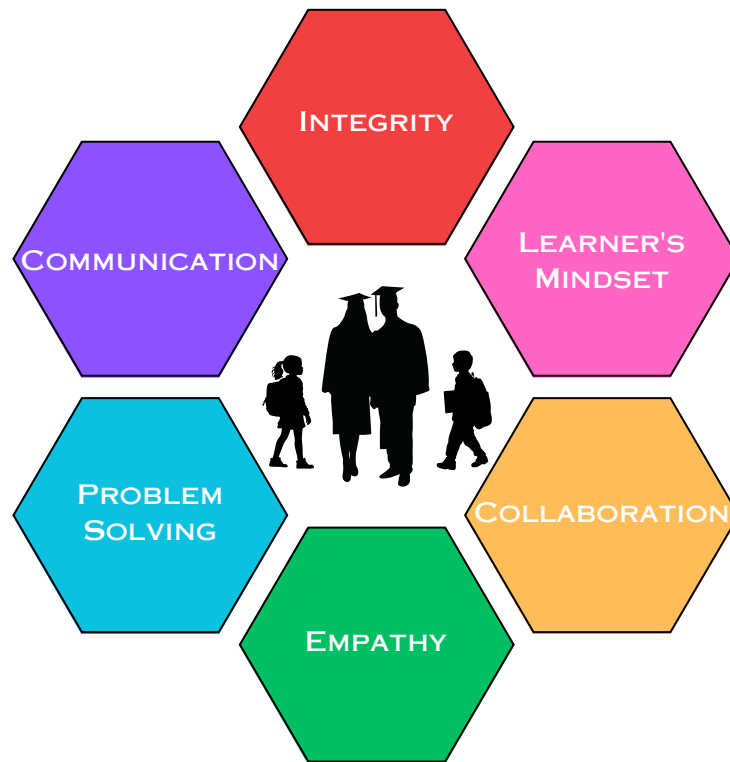
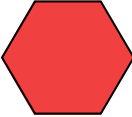


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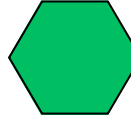


## PORTRAIT OF A DECATUR COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS GRADUATE

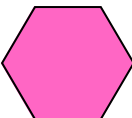
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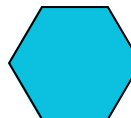
**INTEGRITY:** DCCS GRADUATES WILL DEVELOP A SET OF CORE VALUES THAT ARE EVIDENT IN THEIR CHOICES AND ACTIONS. THEY WILL EARN AND VALUE OTHERS' TRUST AND RESPECT THROUGH HONESTY AND PRINCIPLED BEHAVIORS. GRADUATES WILL DISPLAY PERSONAL, CIVIC, SOCIAL, LOCAL, AND GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITY THROUGH ETHICAL AND EMPATHETIC BEHAVIORS.



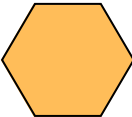
**EMPATHY:** DCCS GRADUATES WILL DEMONSTRATE AWARENESS, SENSITIVITY, CONCERN, AND RESPECT TO CONNECT WITH OTHERS' FEELINGS, OPINIONS, EXPERIENCES, AND CULTURES. GRADUATES WILL USE AWARENESS OF OTHERS' FEELINGS, OPINIONS, PERSPECTIVES, AND EXPERIENCES TO INFORM CREATIVE AND EFFECTIVE DECISIONS AND ACTIONS.



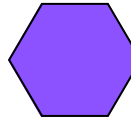
**LEARNER'S MINDSET:** DCCS GRADUATES WILL EMBRACE CURIOSITY AND CREATIVITY TO EXPERIENCE NEW IDEAS. GRADUATES WILL ASPIRE TO SEEK NEW KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDINGS, AND TO REFINE CURRENT KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDINGS THROUGH CRITICAL THINKING, EXPLORING VARIOUS PERSPECTIVES, AND CHALLENGING UNTESTED ASSUMPTIONS. THEY WILL DEVELOP POSITIVE DISPOSITIONS AND RESILIENCY IN ORDER TO BECOME LIFELONG LEARNERS.



**PROBLEM SOLVING:** DCCS GRADUATES WILL IDENTIFY AND ANALYZE UNDERLYING CAUSES OF ISSUES, EVALUATE, AND PRIORITIZE CREATIVE RESPONSES TO DIFFICULT OR COMPLEX SITUATIONS. THEY WILL INTEGRATE MULTIPLE SOURCES OF DATA FOR INFORMING ISSUE UNDERSTANDING. GRADUATES WILL PERSEVERE TO ADVANCE UNDERSTANDING OF CORE ISSUES TO COMPLEX CHALLENGES AND REFLECT CRITICALLY ON SUCCESSES AND FAILURES FOR FURTHER UNDERSTANDING.



**COLLABORATION:** DCCS GRADUATES WILL ENRICH THE LEARNING OF BOTH THEMSELVES AND OTHERS THROUGH COOPERATIVE EFFORTS. THEY WILL SEEK, CONTRIBUTE, AND RESPOND TO FEEDBACK TO ACHIEVE COLLECTIVE OUTCOMES. GRADUATES WILL STRIVE TO REACH THE GREATER GOOD, FIND COMMON GROUND, AND COMPROMISE TO ARRIVE AT AN AMICABLE SOLUTION.



**COMMUNICATION:** DCCS GRADUATES WILL ARTICULATE THOUGHTS AND IDEAS USING ORAL, WRITTEN, AND NONVERBAL SKILLS IN A VARIETY OF FORMS AND CONTEXTS. THEY WILL LISTEN EFFECTIVELY TO DECIPHER MEANING, INCLUDING KNOWLEDGE, VALUES, ATTITUDES, AND INTENTIONS. GRADUATES WILL EXCHANGE IDEAS FOR A RANGE OF PURPOSES AND AUDIENCES.