

GOALS FOR STUDENT PERFORMANCE IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

The goals of the Portland Public Schools are to provide students with:

- high-level and challenging content information so that they will be knowledgeable, participating citizens in the global economy of the twenty-first century
- a rigorous and relevant curriculum
- problem-solving and technology skills
- expectations of high standards and academic success

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SYSTEM-WIDE SKILLS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS FOR STUDENT PERFORMANCE

Learn the important information and make connections among and between big ideas, themes, and essential questions of the various disciplines

Use individual and cooperative group problem-solving skills such as brain storming, experimentation, critical thinking, creative thinking, risk-taking, and decision-making.

Find and use accurate and appropriate information through reading, listening, viewing, and hands-on activities.

Communicate clearly through written, graphic, oral, and artistic formats to the intended audience.

Use mathematics with accuracy and confidence.

Use technology as a tool to support learning, problem-solving, and communications.

Work collaboratively with people of various talents, skills, backgrounds, and interests.

Demonstrate global awareness through an understanding of political, economic, and environmental issues, and individual responsibility to these issues.

Develop and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Demonstrate responsibility and self-reliance in the areas of:

- Work habits

- Conflict resolution

- Leadership

- Effective self-assessment and self-evaluation

 - Goal setting for improvement