EASTCONN’s Portrait of a Graduate reflects our community’s collective vision of student success. This vision is our declaration of—and blueprint for—what it means for our students to be college, career and life-ready.

EASTCONN’s Portrait of a Graduate frames a vision for learning within all EASTCONN schools, where students follow a personal path to mastering the knowledge, skills and habits they will need to succeed in the future.
Self-Directed - EASTCONN graduates proactively organize tasks and actions and thoughtfully make decisions, prioritizing short-term and long-term goals. They initiate and take action independently, leveraging resources to accomplish goals.

EASTCONN Graduates:
• Set goals
• Monitor and direct their own learning
• Ask for help when needed
• Have a growth mindset by reflecting on learning experiences and applying insights to future learning
• Are self-motivated
• Learn how to learn

Collaborative - EASTCONN graduates seek, contribute and respond to feedback to achieve collective outcomes. They respect and value diverse perspectives that enrich their learning about themselves and others.

EASTCONN Graduates:
• Respect and value diverse perspectives
• Conduct themselves in a respectful and professional manner
• Exercise flexibility and compromise to accomplish common goals
• Leverage the group to create new ideas and increase innovation and quality of work
• Assume shared responsibility

Effective Communicators - EASTCONN graduates are active listeners who articulate their thoughts and ideas, using a variety of media. They use communication for a range of purposes and audiences to inform, instruct, persuade and motivate.

EASTCONN Graduates:
• Articulate thoughts and ideas effectively, using oral, written and non-verbal communication skills in a variety of forms and contexts
• Engage in active listening and respectful discourse
• Use multiple media and technologies for effective communication
• Know how to judge their effectiveness and assess impact

Informed Critical Thinkers - EASTCONN graduates engage in analysis, evaluation, reasoning and reflection to build understanding, solve problems and identify alternative solutions.

EASTCONN Graduates:
• Ask questions
• Collect, assess and analyze evidence, arguments, claims and beliefs
• Analyze, evaluate and synthesize information from multiple points of view
• Reason effectively

Effective Problem-Solvers - EASTCONN graduates identify, evaluate and prioritize solutions to complex situations. They critically reflect on available solutions.

EASTCONN Graduates:
• Identify, define and solve authentic problems and essential questions
• Research and innovate to lead to better solutions
• Reflect critically on learning experiences, processes and solutions

Creative Innovators - EASTCONN graduates have original and imaginative ideas and put their new ideas into practice, in order to contribute to a better world.

EASTCONN Graduates:
• Use a wide range of idea creation techniques
• Elaborate, refine, analyze and evaluate their own ideas, in order to improve and maximize creative efforts
• Demonstrate originality and inventiveness in work
• View failure as an opportunity to learn