

Portrait of a Graduate Endorsement

I move that the North Carolina State Board of Education endorse the North Carolina Portrait of a Graduate.

Profiles of a graduate provide the broad strokes for a range of skills and dispositions that go well beyond the Standard of Course Study. In creating them, North Carolina and many other states are working to ensure that a high school diploma reflects the academic and durable, character-centered skills necessary for students to prosper in the next stage of their lives.

The North Carolina Portrait identifies the seven competencies of:

- Adaptability
- Collaboration
- Communication
- Critical Thinking
- Empathy
- Learner's Mindset
- Personal Responsibility

A student possessing these competencies upon graduation from high school will be better prepared to succeed in the place of work - be it college, career, or military, which aligns with the State Board of Education's Goal I to eliminate opportunity gaps by 2027 and Objective 5, which is to increase postsecondary enrollment, employment and/or enlistment.