

## **Vision of Student as Learner**

The Arlington Public Schools strives to build the capacity of each student to become lifelong learners and critical thinkers who are welcoming of a challenge, resilient, and exhibit a curiosity about learning. They will be able to participate in and contribute to the complex and ever-changing world in which they live.

### **These characteristics will be demonstrated by student's ability to:**

- work independently and collaboratively
- observe, analyze and synthesize information from a variety of sources to enhance existing understandings and construct new knowledge
- demonstrate perseverance by using repeated reasoning and inquiry
- participate in rigorous, focused discourse
- develop and defend arguments based on evidence and respectfully consider different perspectives
- create and critique original work

## **Vision of Student as a Global Citizen**

Students will strive to be empathic, responsible, active members of a local and global community who are aware of the role that bias and prejudice play in society, as demonstrated by their ability to:

- speak with and listen to others in a manner that is respectful of multiple perspectives
- cultivate and maintain healthy and rewarding relationships with diverse individuals and groups\*
- develop self-awareness and self-understanding
- think critically and reflect upon choices and their impact on others
- participate as a consumer of and contributor to the cultural and civic life of local and global communities

\*Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning <https://casel.org/core-competencies/>