



Portrait of a Graduate

The Kenton County School District is a community of vibrant, engaging schools that both **challenge** and **empower** our world-class students.

Each school possesses a special collection of faculty that build and maintain powerful relationships with these students.



Our school district's diversity of **thought**, **background**, and **ambition** promotes a high degree of social learning, ensuring that a KCSD education extends far beyond the classroom.

As children in the KCSD grow, they mature into passionate, well rounded young adults.

The qualities they gain along this journey contribute to the high level of **college** and **career readiness** that a KCSD education promises.



The KCSD's **Portrait of a Graduate** communicates our students' most essential qualities as they walk across the stage and into their future.



Years of new interests, environments, and experiences lead the timid, curious young children entering kindergarten to develop into confident, capable young men and women ready to embark on their next phase of life.

To represent this progression of a KCSD student, six main qualities are featured in the Portrait of a Graduate.

Respect is one of the most fundamental traits a young student learns. This quality remains important in the workplace, where respecting employers, coworkers, and employees is necessary for a productive atmosphere.

Creativity soars in the minds of elementary students. As students age, it is imperative they never lose the imagination and wonder that sparks new ideas and improves upon old ones.

Character allows each student to distinguish his or herself within a community and provides an avenue to improve it. Middle school is an important time to find one's true character amidst a world of physical and emotional change.



Leadership opportunities arise just as students realize their impact throughout the school. As their voice and awareness grow, students are reminded to lead with compassion and by example.

Perseverance is required to excel as students begin to challenge themselves both in and out of the classroom. When faced with daunting obstacles, young adults must focus on the end goal as motivation through the difficulties directly in front of them.

Ambition is a quality that most older students develop once they picture their future. Ambition is the culmination of years of hard work, passion, and dedication. It drives students to continually reach and raise their goals in life.



The Kenton County School District's Portrait of a Graduate
is painted with the brushstrokes of these six qualities.



The KCSD places special importance on the relationship between **local businesses** and **our schools**.

As graduates enter a world beyond high school, it is important that the Portrait of a KCSD graduate reflects the qualities sought by these local businesses.



When asked if they would hire a student with the six aforementioned qualities, local business leaders overwhelmingly replied, “yes.”

Doug Monaghan, owner of ASAP Covington, says “If I were looking to hire a high school graduate, I would place **ambition** as the greatest trait of **success**. Portrait video is fun and easy to understand.”

Justin Minges, owner of Minges construction, says “I like that characteristics are represented in the video by colors of paint. I love the fact that the video is **interactive** with a wide range of kids.”

David M. Rider, owner of David M. Rider Pediatric Dentistry, says “Video is very easy to understand and was slept with a smile after seeing the kids have fun. Really shows how important each trait is to **character development**. Would love to have a graduate with these traits in my team!”

Fred Geraci, manager at Shelter Insurance Erlanger Branch, says “Video is **direct** and entertaining. Love how it ends with the most important trait, in my opinion, **ambition!** I also liked how it emphasized the traits with each color.”

This feedback reinforces that a KCSD education equips graduates with the qualities necessary for future success.

