

# Community Engagements

Strategies to connect families and community to the Portrait in a way that enhances your local goals and supports future ready learning

## Strategy 1: Host forums and invite student voice

Organize family nights or community forums to explain the Portrait. Include student presentations to highlight how they are integrating competencies into their lives in and out of school to make the Portrait relatable and authentic. Hearing directly from learners can help families and partners see how the Portrait connects to real experiences.



## Strategy 2: Create exhibitions and share stories

Plan student showcases where learners demonstrate portrait competencies through projects and performances. Share stories and examples through newsletters, social media, and local media. These exhibitions make learning visible and highlight how students are growing in ways that matter for life and work.



## Strategy 3: Partner with local businesses

Collaborate with businesses and organizations to connect portrait of a learner skills to real-world careers. Invite partners to speak at events or mentor students. These partnerships show families and students how portrait competencies prepare learners for future opportunities.



**Reflect on your current community engagement practices. How can you use events, exhibitions, and partnerships to make a portrait of a learner visible and meaningful for families and community members?**

# Professional Learning

*Strategies for leaders to embed a portrait of a learner into educator growth practices*

## Strategy 1: Integrate Portrait competencies in professional learning communities

Include portrait of a learner competencies in professional learning community structures and discussions. Encourage teams to reflect on practices that support durable skills like collaboration and resilience. This keeps the Portrait at the center of instructional planning and improvement.



## Strategy 2: Design performance tasks that bring competencies to life

Create opportunities for educators to design and share performance tasks that show how portrait skills are applied in authentic learning experiences. Form cross-grade or cross-content teams to collaborate on tasks that integrate academic standards with competencies that include communication and problem-solving. Sharing these tasks during professional learning builds clarity and sparks innovation.



## Strategy 3: Showcase teacher practice

Invite teachers to share how they incorporate portrait of a learner skills into instruction. Highlight examples across grade levels and content areas to spark collaboration and innovation. These showcases build momentum and help educators learn from one another.



**Review your professional learning structures. How can you integrate portrait of a learner language into goals, discussions, and celebrations of teacher practice to create coherence and shared purpose?**