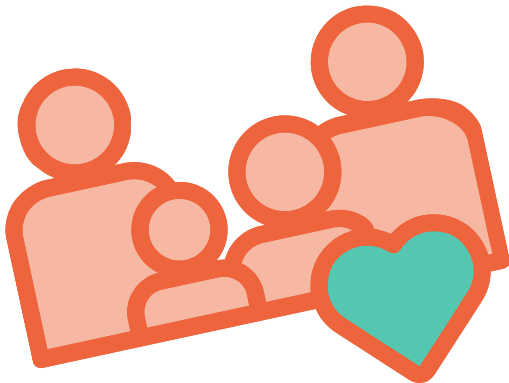


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## ways to make the Portrait come alive **A Guide for Families and Caregivers**

The Portrait of a Nevada Learner is a shared commitment to helping every student discover their strengths and build the future they imagine. When schools, families, and communities work together, students grow with confidence and purpose.



Families are children’s first teachers, and home is where essential skills like resilience, communication, and curiosity take root through everyday moments and conversations.

By actively engaging with the Portrait at home, families and caregivers aren’t just supporting schoolwork, they’re partnering in developing the social-emotional learning and life skills that matter most for success now and in the future.



**Check the next page for ideas that guide  
caregivers in supporting students.**



## Identify a Weekly Focus Domain

Make space and time to discuss what each domain from the Portrait of a Learner means and why it is important.



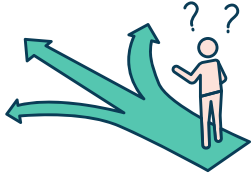
## Establish Bounce Back Talks

Encourage students to share stories of overcoming challenges during the week. Share your own experiences to model resilience.



## Model Empathy Actions

Help learners connect with others in the community or support them in starting a group focused on shared interests and relationships.



## Extend Decision-Making

Foster empowerment by inviting participation in daily decisions (e.g., planning meals or choosing weekend activities).



## Encourage Collaborative Circles

Look for opportunities to volunteer together to practice empathy and service (e.g., at the local library, food pantry, or community center). Create spaces for friends or siblings to help each other with homework, or encourage forming a homework club with a friend group.



## Celebrate Growth

Center conversations on effort, progress, and learning. Ask reflective questions like, “What new strategy did you try today?” or “What are you most proud of about your effort?” to build a growth mindset.



## Bonus: Partnership Matters

You can support your school's portrait implementation by:

- Reaching out to your child’s teacher or school counselor to learn more about how the Portrait is being integrated into classroom activities and learning experiences
- Sharing insights about learners’ strengths, interests, and needs in relation to developing Portrait competencies and skills
- Checking newsletters or district communication channels for Portrait updates.