

Frequently Asked Questions

For Students - Learn more about the Portrait of a Nevada Learner

What is the Portrait of a Nevada Learner?

The Portrait of a Nevada Learner describes the skills and mindsets that help you succeed in school and beyond. It's built around four domains: EMPOWERING, CONNECTING, IMPACTING, and THRIVING. Each one invites you to think deeply about your future: How will I grow in my learning? How will I build and sustain relationships? How will I contribute to make an impact? How will I thrive?

Why should I care about the Portrait of a Learner?

The Portrait of a Learner is about you! Building skills like curiosity, creativity, and resilience will help you feel confident and ready for your future. It's about taking charge of your learning and seeing how what you do now connects to your goals beyond school.

How do I know if I'm growing in these skills?

Growth shows up in many ways. You might notice when something that used to feel hard starts to come to you more easily, or when you handle a challenge differently than before. Teachers might give you feedback or reflection tools, but the real progress comes as you notice your own growth.

Do other students in Nevada use this too?

Yes! Schools across Nevada are using the Portrait to help students grow in ways that matter for the future. You're part of a bigger movement of learners who are building skills, confidence, and purpose to make learning more meaningful.

Is this connected to grades or tests?

Tests and grades often show academic learning, while the Portrait shows who you are becoming. These work together to give a full picture of your growth. The Portrait is how you develop skills that help you apply what you are learning in meaningful ways in all areas of your life.

How does this help me in school or in life?

The Portrait helps you practice real-world skills that go beyond grades and subjects, like solving problems, working with others, and staying confident when things get tough. These are the same skills you'll use in college, careers, relationships, and your community.

Can I develop these skills outside of class?

Absolutely! The Portrait isn't just for school, it's for life. You use these skills when you collaborate on a group project, help a teammate, take care of your family, volunteer, or try something new. Every time you lead, communicate, or learn from experience, you're living the Portrait.

What does "impacting my community" look like for someone my age?

It could mean helping others, starting a project, standing up for someone, volunteering, or even sharing your ideas to make your school better. You don't need to wait to make an impact; small actions can create big change, and every action counts.