

# Frequently Asked Questions

*For Families & Caregivers - Learn more about the Portrait of a Nevada Learner*

## What is the Portrait of a Nevada Learner?

The Portrait of a Nevada Learner is a shared vision that describes the mindsets and skills students need to succeed in school, work, and life. It's built around four key areas: EMPOWERING, CONNECTING, IMPACTING, and THRIVING. Each one invites students to reflect on important questions: 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? Together, these guide schools, families, and communities in supporting students to become confident, capable, and ready for the future.

## Who helped create the Portrait?

Students, educators, and community partners from across Nevada shared their voices and ideas. Their input shaped a statewide vision that genuinely reflects the hopes and strengths of Nevada's communities.

## How can families and caregivers support the Portrait at home?

Families and caregivers play an essential role in helping students grow in the Portrait domains. You can:

- Model Portrait skills by showing curiosity, problem-solving, and resilience in everyday situations.
- Create opportunities for practice by inviting your child to help plan a family activity, solve a real-life problem, or collaborate on a household project.
- Connect learning to life by asking questions like, "How did you work through that challenge?" and then discussing strategies together.
- Celebrate growth, not perfection—recognize effort, persistence, and progress over time.
- Encourage reflection by helping your child set goals and think about how they can build relationships, make an impact, and thrive in different settings.

## What does the Portrait mean for my child's future?

It means your child is learning to think critically, communicate clearly, and adapt with confidence. These lifelong skills will help them thrive in whatever path they choose after graduation.

## Why was the Portrait created?

The Portrait was created so that learning in Nevada reflects what matters most for our young people today and in the future. It helps schools, families, caregivers, and communities work together to prepare students for lifelong learning and meaningful contributions.

## How do schools know if students are growing in these areas?

Growth is shown through everyday learning, not just one score or test. Teachers and students use Portrait-aligned competencies, rubrics, and examples of work to

- reflect on progress
- set goals
- celebrate growth over time

## How does it help Nevada students?

The Portrait helps your child understand how they learn and who they are becoming, not just what they know. It encourages curiosity, confidence, and reflection so each student can take ownership of their growth and learning journey.

## Will this change what my child learns?

It doesn't replace what students learn. It enhances how they learn. Teachers use the Portrait to design lessons that connect academic content with real-life skills such as problem-solving, communication, and collaboration.