Our Vision: Portrait of a Stillwater Graduate

Our Portrait of a Graduate defines the skills and attributes we expect our students to develop through their experience in our schools. In working toward the objectives of our strategic plan, teachers and staff find ways to incorporate experiences that allow students to practice and develop these skills at all levels - from preK through high school.

**Collaborator**
- Builds strong relationships
- Works effectively and respectfully with diverse teams
- Seeks out diverse ideas and perspectives
- Values the individual contributions made by each team member

**Critical Thinker**
- Shows empathy for others
- Solves complex problems
- Discerns accurate, relevant information
- Reasons effectively to make sound judgments and decisions

**Creator**
- Courageous, takes risks and learns from failure
- Open minded and responsive to new and diverse perspectives
- Flexible and can adapt to new environments and situations
- Carefully considers ideas in order to improve and maximize creative efforts

**Communicator**
- Expresses themselves effectively in both written and oral communications
- Listens actively to others
- Shows cultural understanding and global awareness when engaging with others
- Treats others with kindness and respect

**Self-Advocate**
- Remains curious and loves to learn new things
- Understands personal strengths and areas for growth
- Is motivated and confident
- Follows their passions and interests

**OUR MISSION**
The mission of Stillwater Area Public Schools, in partnership with students, family and community, is to develop curious individuals who are active and engaged leaders in an ever-changing world by challenging all students as they travel along their personalized learning pathways.

**OUR PARAMETERS**
In our decision-making we will always consider what is desirable, equitable, feasible and sustainable.

We will build relationships with our shareholders and engage with our community by utilizing the board approved Decision-Making and Public Participation models.

**OUR OBJECTIVES**
- All children are ready for school
- All third graders can read at grade level
- All racial and economic achievement gaps are closed
- All students are ready for career and college
- All students graduate from high school
- All students will be engaged in their learning
- All students will be supported in their social, emotional and behavioral development
- *All students will be seen, served and supported

**KEY:**
- World’s Best Workforce
- Stillwater specific
- Relimage Minnesota