

# Essential Portrait of a Graduate Skills

Today's young people are challenged to meet a new standard of mastery that will help them be successful in an increasingly dynamic world. Students need to develop higher-order skills that transcend fact-based domain knowledge in order to take on the demands of secondary school and meet the expectations of college and career.

***Use this checklist to see how your students measure up!***

## Analysis and Problem Solving

### Data Literacy



*How well can your students:*

- Make inferences and hypotheses based on given results?
- Identify data that is connected and conflicting?
- Detect questionable assumptions?
- Support or refute a position using scientific evidence?

### Critical Reading and Evaluation



*How well can your students:*

- Evaluate the reliability of information?
- Identify connected and conflicting information?
- Make justifiable inferences?

### Critique an Argument



*How well can your students:*

- Detect logical flaws and questionable assumptions?
- Address information that could strengthen or weaken an argument?
- Evaluate alternate conclusions?

## Writing Effectiveness



*How well can your students:*

- Present evidence in support of an argument?
- Elaborate on facts or ideas?
- Construct an organized and logically cohesive argument?

## Connecting the Dots

### ***Measure Students' Portrait of a Graduate Skills With the CCRA+ Performance-Based Assessment***

The College and Career Readiness Assessment (CCRA+) from CAE asks students to put their Portrait of a Graduate skills to work. Insightful reports show students' strengths and areas for improvement so educators can target instruction to further develop these essential skills. [Reach out to CAE to request a demo.](#)