

Durango School District COLORADO

EdLeader PROMISE
ANNUAL EVENT
An AASA Network Event



DURANGO SCHOOL DISTRICT





Who is a #pogROCKstar?

Portrait of a Graduate

A wayfinder to balance skills on the path to success



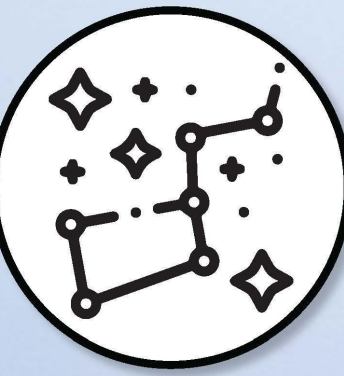
Empathetic COLLABORATOR
Compassionate, inclusive connector focused on interdependence



Resilient RISK-TAKER
Self-aware, persistent, and hopeful future-planner



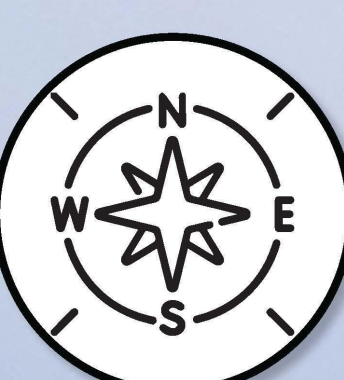
Agile THINKER
Curious, flexible, critical thinker exhibiting a growth mindset



Creative PROBLEM-SOLVER
Entrepreneurial, innovative, solution-focused design thinker



Confident COMMUNICATOR
Successful writer, speaker, listener, and digital content producer



Courageous LEADER
Responsible, productive community member who takes initiative



Portrait of a Graduate

- Developed through an industry think-tank with business and community leaders to align life skills with workforce needs.
- Comprehensive engagement of 6,800+ participants, including all 900 staff and 4,500 students.
- Six core competencies inspired by Ikigai—linking purpose, passion, and profession.
- Adopted as the district’s guiding “North Star” in May 2022.

Portrait to Practice

- Strategic plan ensures 100% of students engage in Portrait-embedded instruction.
- Teachers use Portrait Blueprints and competency wheels for daily learning targets.
- Capstone defenses at grades 2, 5, 8, and 11 demonstrate knowledge and skills; CTE Capstone Showcases highlight culminating work.
- Real-world project applications address authentic community challenges, while PBL, authentic assessments, and community engagement work together.
- Students curate digital portfolios of growth artifacts on the Abre platform.



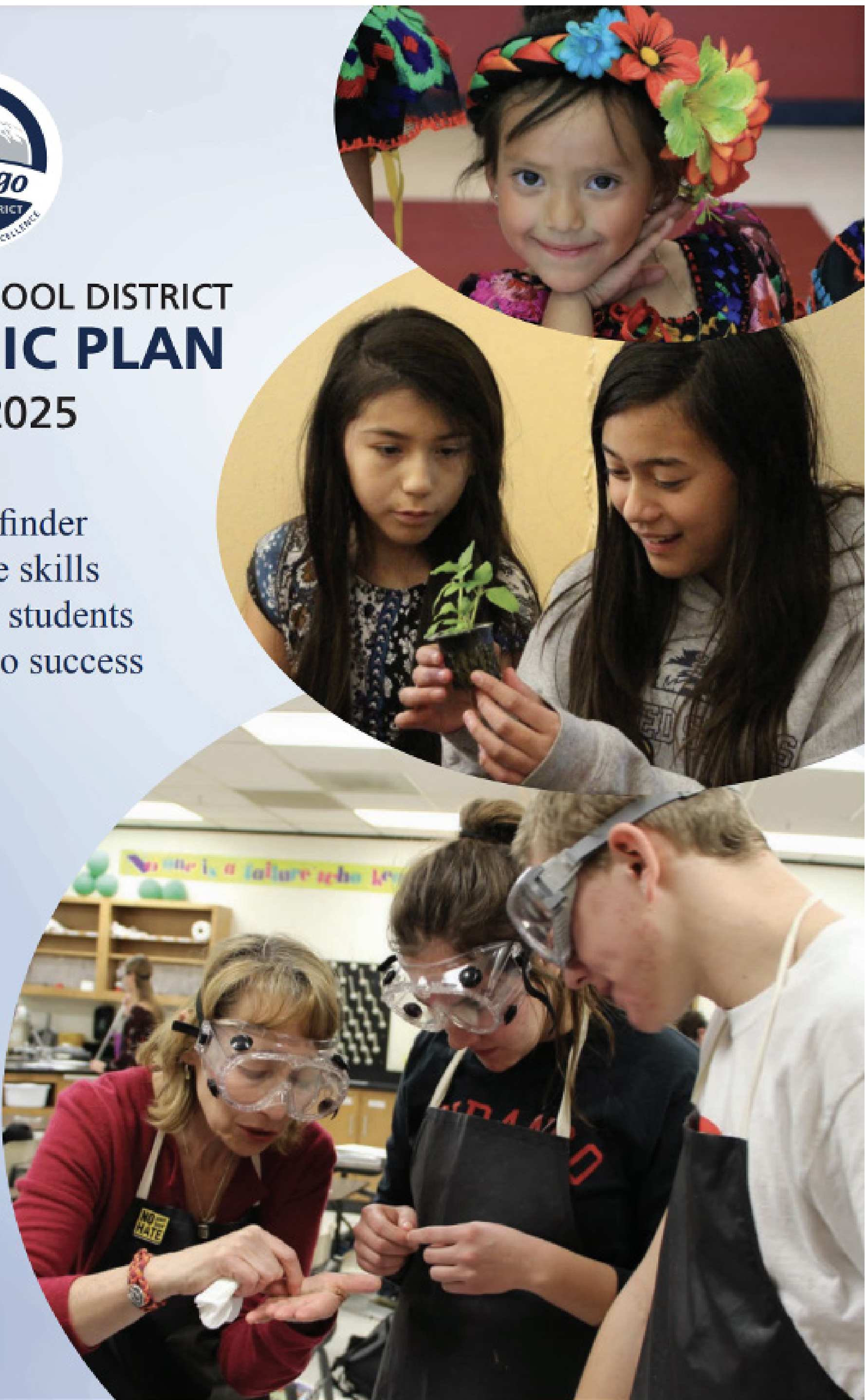
Portrait to Impact

- Students advocate and achieve change—e.g., alumna influenced state science standards on climate change.
- Capstone showcases highlight independent inquiry and career-connected projects.
- Students solve real problems through business, engineering, and global projects.
- Annual awards celebrate Portrait competencies equally with academics.
- Portfolios document and showcase student ownership of learning across all competencies.



DURANGO SCHOOL DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLAN
2023-2025

Our wayfinder to balance skills and support students on the path to success



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