



Create a Shared Vision for Every Child with Portrait of a Graduate

AASA helps school systems align purpose with practice, ensuring every child is prepared to thrive in learning, work, and real life.

Why Develop a Portrait?

A Portrait of a Graduate identifies the real skills, in addition to academic competencies, children in your community need to succeed in this rapidly changing, complex world.

A strong Portrait of a Graduate helps your district:

- More closely align student outcomes with real world expectations
- Build consensus and trust within your community
- Enhance student agency, engagement, and well-being
- Improve system coherence and sustainability

CASE STUDY

Empowering Graduates: How Baltimore City Public Schools & Worthington Schools Defined a Future-Ready Vision



THE PROCESS

Backed by national research, but rooted in your local context, AASA's team of experts specialize in deep listening and co-creating solutions that address the unique needs of your district.

AASA helps you expertly navigate school board relationships and community engagement, facilitate a robust and inclusive design process, and guide effective change management to ensure lasting momentum.

The experience includes:

- (4) two-hour in-person sessions with virtual status calls in between each session.
- Option for an all-virtual format to align with district schedules and needs.

Additional services are available to help meet the specific needs of your community.



Turning Vision into Action

BEYOND A REPORT ON A SHELF

With strategic alignment at every step, your Portrait becomes more than an aspirational document—it serves as a practical guide to drive decisions, shape practice, and prepare every child to thrive in the real world.

For districts seeking not just to define graduate outcomes, but to transform systems around those outcomes, AASA offers a unique solution.

We approach Portrait work as a long-term district transformation strategy tied directly to governance, instructional coherence, learner-centered leadership, and measurable student outcomes.

By aligning systems, empowering educators, and providing tools, training, and support, our team ensures your Portrait of a Graduate becomes a driving force that informs meaningful change and unites your community around a shared vision for student success.



CASE STUDY

Portrait-Aligned Learning & Measuring What Matters



WHY CHOOSE AASA?

When you work with AASA, you gain access to a national community of education leaders, research, proven practices, and implementation support designed specifically for public school systems.

This is not an out-of-the-box solution.

Our team works alongside you to create a Portrait and engagement process that reflects the needs, aspirations, and values of your students and community.

Led by educators who understand the realities of public education leadership, our work is practical, future-focused, and deeply invested in helping every child thrive.

“Loved the different types of people from the community having a chance to collaborate together in one space. Really displays the viewpoints of all people in our town.”

— Parent & community member

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