

Portrait of a Graduate

Youth and Adults Partnering to Create a Vision for All Learners

UP for Learning will guide your school district through creating your Portrait of a Graduate, a shared vision for *all* learners. With youth and adults working as partners, UP and your team will engage students, educators, families and community members in answering the question: **what are the most important characteristics, skills and experiences that your graduates need to prepare them for success in 21st Century learning and life?**

UP will partner with your district throughout every step of the process to:

- Create a full team composed of students, staff, community members, caregivers, and administrators from across the PK-12 school district.
- Train youth facilitators who will help lead the full team.
- Build a strong connection between team members and lay a foundation for collaboration.
- Collect data from as many community members as possible — *all* voices should be heard!
- Analyze this data and prioritize youth voice in the process.
- Envision the Portrait — both the image and the pillars of 21st century education in your district.
- Share the process and the results with your community.
- Guide your district/SU leadership as it embeds the portrait in strategic planning and curricular developments at all grade levels.

Through this process, your district will develop a collective stance on what it means for ALL students to be college, career, and life ready. It shows the district community's commitment to investing in experiences that educate the whole child. For more questions about UP's student-centered approach to this process, please contact us.

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*"The LSSU School Board has made a very conscious effort to amplify student voice and empower our youth as critical decisions are made. UP for Learning has been a phenomenal partner to help us create the environment for those conversations and to really foster a positive climate throughout. We are tackling some very important work and their organization has been able to help guide the process with highly skilled student and adult facilitators. **It feels good to make such progress and know we are listening to and learning with our next generation of leaders.**"*

—Ryan Heraty, LSSU Superintendent

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