## A Vision for Education in Rye

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Students leaving Rye schools are engaged learners able to exercise control over their education and have the work habits to be able to meet their own and others' expectations for learning. They understand that effort and openness to learning are the most important factors in their success. They know how to persevere through challenging academic tasks. Rye students are curious learners and creative thinkers who have developed the knowledge and skills to reflect on and further their education and life experiences.

Rye students have a deep understanding of the major concepts in all content areas and are able to apply that learning into new situations. Students are well-prepared to enter the next level of their education because they have been meaningfully challenged and well-educated. They possess strong research and critical thinking skills allowing them to investigate and solve complex problems. They are able to communicate effectively using a variety of media, especially written and oral. Rye students use technology effectively to support and demonstrate their learning across all content areas.

Rye students are confident, respectful of themselves and others, and contribute positively as citizens. They understand how to collaborate to maximize their own and the groups' learning. Rye students have the skills to get along with their peers and other members of the community. They are open-minded and have learned to understand others' perspectives. Importantly, they are empathetic as demonstrated by their understanding of how their words and actions affect others.