



Orange Grove I. S. D.
Portrait of a Graduate
Helping students succeed beyond the classroom



Mission: Educating all students to be successful in society

Vision: To graduate students who will be critical thinkers equipped with the strong problem solving, communication, technological, and social skills needed to be successful and productive members in our evolving world

An Orange Grove graduate is one who is prepared to function productively in the world by demonstrating the following characteristics and skills:

Communicator

- Applies effective reading skills to acquire knowledge and broaden perspectives
- Employs active listening strategies to advance understanding
- Speaks in a purposeful manner to inform, influence, motivate, or entertain listeners
- Incorporates effective writing skills for various purposes and audiences to convey understanding and concepts
- Uses technological skills and contemporary digital tools to explore and exchange ideas

Collaborator

- Respects divergent thinking to engage others in thoughtful discussion
- Demonstrates the ability to work interdependently within a group to promote learning, increase productivity, and achieve common goals
- Analyzes and constructs arguments and positions to ensure examination of a full range of viewpoints

Ethical and Global Citizen

- Acknowledges and understands diverse perspectives and cultures when considering local, national, and world issues
- Contributes to solutions that benefit the broader community
- Communicates in multiple languages to make meaningful connections
- Understands the foundations of our country and values our rights, privileges, and responsibilities
- Demonstrates empathy, compassion, and respect for others
- Acts responsibly and ethically to build trust and lead

Creative and Critical Thinker

- Engages in problem solving, inquiry, and design of innovative solutions to overcome obstacles and improve outcomes
- Uses information in creative ways to strengthen comprehension and deepen awareness
- Demonstrates divergent and ingenious thought to enhance the design-build process
- Expresses thoughts, ideas, and emotions meaningfully through the arts
- Evaluates ideas and information sources for validity, relevance, and impact
- Reasons through and weighs evidence to reach conclusions

Goal Directed and Resilient Individual

- Engages in healthy and positive practices and relationships to promote overall physical and mental well-being
- Persists to accomplish difficult tasks and to overcome academic and personal barriers to meet goals
- Uses time and financial resources wisely to set goals, complete tasks, and manage projects
- Uses knowledge to positively impact goals for their career choice, community and society