28 SKILLS of a Really Ready Student

1. Critical Thinking
   - Able to apply tools and techniques gleaned from core subjects to formulate and solve novel and complex problems.*

2. Communication
   - Clearly organize their data, findings, and thoughts in both written and oral communication.*

3. Growth Mindset
   - Believe that their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work.***

4. Self-Directed
   - Monitor and direct their own learning, and able to take on projects and tasks independently.*

5. Social & Emotional Skills
   - Understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others.***

6. Self-Awareness
   - Ability to recognize one's own emotions, thoughts, and values and how they influence behavior.*

7. Relationship Skills
   - Ability to establish and maintain healthy and rewarding relationships with diverse individuals and groups.*

8. Responsible Decision-Making
   - Ability to take the perspective of and empathize with others.**

9. Social-Awareness & Perspective-Taking
   - Ability to make constructive choices about personal behavior and social interactions.**

10. Self-Management
    - Ability to regulate one's emotions, thoughts, and behaviors in different situations.**

11. Flexible & Adaptable
    - Comfortable with ambiguity and know how to adjust and manage change.

12. Reflective
    - Reflect on their work and seek feedback and constructive critique to improve.

13. Problem-Solving
    - Effectively solve problems by utilizing and applying appropriate strategies and skills.

14. Active Learner
    - Active participants in their own learning and are constantly trying to explore, apply, practice, and confirm their understanding.

15. Life Management
    - Able to take care of personal wellness and emotional health while continuing to pursue academic goals.

16. Resourceful
    - Uses close and help from others, constantly looks to group their networks, and finds new opportunities and ways to connect with people.

17. Project & Task Management
    - Able to plan, organize, and manage their own time and projects in order to accomplish academic and personal tasks and goals.

18. Articulate Strengths & Areas of Need
    - Can identify personal and academic strengths, as well as areas to work on and improve.

19. Curious & Inquisitive
    - Asks questions about, investigates, and frequently explores new topics of interest.

20. Innovative & Entrepreneurial
    - Driven by curiosity, new ideas, and a desire to make lasting impact and sustainable difference in the way people think, act, or behave.

21. Digital Citizens
    - An active and responsible contributor and user of technology, including social media and the Internet at large.

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24. Logic & Reasoning
    - Uses a rational, systematic series of steps based on information and experiences to determine a solution or conclusion.*

25. Analytical & Evaluative
    - Able to weigh options and information to make connections, infer meaning, and determine the credibility or validity of a source.

26. Passionate & Positive
    - Engages the life and discovers personal interests and passions.

27. Embrace Failure
    - Realizes that failure is a part of the learning process and finds ways to learn from the experience.*

28. Cross-Cultural Communication
    - Appreciation of and ability to learn from and with people from diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds.

Learn how digital curriculum can be used to build these skills.

*Skills (critical thinking, communication, self-direction) adapted from Deeper Learning for Every Student Every Day
**Social and Emotional Skills (self-awareness, grit & perseverance, relationship skills, responsible decision-making, social awareness and self-management) from CASEL.
***Growth Mindset based off of the work of Carol Dweck

1. http://mindsetonline.com/whatisit/about/