

Alignment to the New York State Portrait of a Graduate

Everyday Speech is closely aligned with the **New York State Portrait of a Graduate**, offering a comprehensive curriculum that strengthens students’ social, behavioral, and communication skills at every grade level. Through engaging video modeling lessons, interactive games, and hands-on activities, Everyday Speech equips students with the competencies essential for lifelong success.

This alignment **empowers New York educators to confidently prepare graduates** who are not only academically accomplished but also curious, compassionate, and resilient. The Portrait of a Graduate serves as the state’s blueprint for success, defining the knowledge, skills, and dispositions students must demonstrate upon graduation. Its vision ensures that **every student leaves high school ready to thrive** in an increasingly complex and interconnected world.

The alignment table below highlights how **Everyday Speech supports the six attributes of New York’s Portrait of a Graduate**, helping students develop the interpersonal and intellectual skills needed to succeed in school and beyond.

NY State Portrait of a Graduate Attributes	Everyday Speech Alignment
<p>Academically Prepared Demonstrates a strong foundation in the New York State learning standards and is equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to achieve success in college, careers, civic engagement, service, and life.</p>	<p>Everyday Speech builds academic readiness by teaching foundational skills such as following routines, managing behavior, collaborating with peers, showing respect, and strengthening executive functioning. Lessons across grade levels emphasize goal-setting, organization, problem-solving, and self-advocacy, while also nurturing a growth mindset, self-regulation skills, and communication strategies. These competencies prepare students to meet rigorous academic standards and apply their learning in college, career, and civic life.</p>
<p>A Creative Innovator Utilizes imagination, curiosity, and flexible thinking to solve problems creatively, and develop new ideas and products, while adapting to evolving circumstances and challenges.</p>	<p>Everyday Speech fosters creativity and innovation by promoting curiosity, flexible thinking, and problem-solving. Lessons on keeping an open mind, growth mindset, and positive self-talk encourage students to embrace challenges and approach problems with fresh perspectives. Activities in compromising, perspective-taking, and generating solutions give students opportunities to practice adaptive and imaginative thinking. These experiences equip learners to develop new ideas and apply creative approaches to real-world challenges.</p>
<p>A Critical Thinker Analyzes information thoughtfully, evaluates evidence critically, and identifies patterns and connections between different pieces of information (across multiple content areas) to address complex issues and navigate the world with insight.</p>	<p>Everyday Speech strengthens critical thinking through lessons that teach students to analyze situations, consider multiple perspectives, and evaluate outcomes. Units on problem-solving, decision-making, and accountability help learners weigh options and assess consequences. Activities in perspective-taking, conflict resolution, and executive functioning reinforce the ability to connect ideas, identify patterns, and apply logical reasoning. These skills prepare students to approach complex issues thoughtfully and make informed choices.</p>

NY State Portrait of a Graduate Attributes

Everyday Speech Alignment

An Effective Communicator

Articulates ideas clearly and confidently through speaking, writing, and the use of different types of media for various purposes, while engaging with diverse audiences and actively listening to different perspectives.

Everyday Speech develops communication skills by **teaching students to express themselves clearly, listen actively, and adapt their message to different contexts**. Lessons on conversation basics, nonverbal communication, advanced conversation skills, and digital citizenship provide practical tools for connecting effectively with peers and adults. By practicing turn-taking, asking questions, staying on topic, and reading social cues, **learners build confidence in sharing ideas and engaging respectfully** with diverse audiences across academic, personal, and digital settings.

A Global Citizen

Acts responsibly and ethically within local, global, and digital communities, employing civic knowledge, skills, and mindsets to promote global sustainability and contribute positively to a culturally diverse, democratic society.

Everyday Speech supports global citizenship by **emphasizing respect, empathy, and ethical decision-making**. Lessons on embracing differences, empathy essentials, and being a community member help students understand their role in creating inclusive environments. Instruction in digital citizenship, conflict resolution, and leadership reinforces responsible participation in both face-to-face and online settings. These experiences prepare students to act ethically, stand against prejudice, and **contribute positively to diverse communities and democratic life**.

Reflective and Future Focused

Engages in self-reflection to identify strengths and areas for growth, sets meaningful goals, uses social awareness to maintain supportive relationships, and demonstrates responsible decision-making that prioritizes social, emotional, and mental well-being.

Everyday Speech nurtures reflection and future focus through lessons on self-awareness, growth mindset, goal-setting, and accountability. Students learn to recognize their emotions, evaluate their actions, and set goals that align with their values. Skills in self-regulation, stress management, and mindfulness help learners build resilience and prioritize mental and emotional well-being. Instruction in empathy, friendship skills, and responsible decision-making further equips students to sustain supportive relationships and approach the future with confidence and purpose.



Through its **alignment with New York State's Portrait of a Graduate**, the Everyday Speech curriculum offers educators a **clear and practical pathway** to cultivate the knowledge, skills, and dispositions students need for lifelong success.

By strengthening essential social, behavioral, and communication skills, the curriculum empowers learners to think critically, communicate effectively, act responsibly, and meet challenges with creativity, resilience, and reflection. This alignment ensures that **every student** is not only academically prepared but also **equipped to thrive as compassionate, capable, and future-ready graduates in an interconnected world**.



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