

## 28 Skills of a Really Ready Student

<b>1. Critical Thinking</b> Able to apply tools and techniques gleaned from core subjects to formulate and solve novel and complex problems.*	<b>2. Communication</b> Clearly organize their data, findings, and thoughts in both written and oral communication.*
<b>3. Growth Mindset</b> Believe that their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work. <sup>1 ***</sup>	<b>4. Self-Directed</b> Monitor and direct their own learning, and able to take on projects and tasks independently.*
<b>5. Social &amp; Emotional Skills</b> Understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others. <sup>2 **</sup>	<b>6. Self-Awareness</b> Ability to recognize one's own emotions, thoughts, and values and how they influence behavior. <sup>3 **</sup>
<b>7. Relationship Skills</b> Ability to establish and maintain healthy and rewarding relationships with diverse individuals and groups. <sup>4 **</sup>	<b>8. Responsible Decision-Making</b> Ability to make constructive choices about personal behavior and social interactions.**
<b>9. Social-Awareness &amp; Perspective-Taking</b> Ability to take the perspective of and empathize with others.**	<b>10. Self-Management</b> Ability to regulate one's emotions, thoughts, and behaviors in different situations.**
<b>11. Problem-Solving</b> Effectively solve problems by utilizing and applying appropriate strategies and skills.	<b>12. Reflective</b> Reflect on their work and seek feedback and constructive critique to improve.
<b>13. Flexible &amp; Adaptable</b> Comfortable with ambiguity and know how to adjust and manage change.	<b>14. Active Learner</b> Active participants in their own learning and are constantly trying to explore, apply, practice, and confirm their understanding(s).
<b>15. Nimble</b> Can navigate and flow between different learning environments with ease.	<b>16. Resourceful</b> Seeks ideas and help from others, constantly looks to grow their networks, and always wants to find new opportunities and ways to connect with people.
<b>17. Project &amp; Task Management</b> Able to plan, organize, and manage their own time and projects in order to accomplish academic and personal tasks and goals.	<b>18. Articulate Strengths &amp; Areas of Need</b> Can identify personal and academic strengths, as well as areas to work on and improve.
<b>19. Life Management</b> Able to take care of personal wellness and emotional health while continuing to pursue academic goals.	<b>20. Curious &amp; Inquisitive</b> Asks questions about, investigates, and frequently explores new topics of interest.
<b>21. Digital Citizens</b> An active and responsible contributor and user of technology, including social media and the Internet at large.	<b>22. Innovative &amp; Entrepreneurial</b> Driven by curiosity, new ideas, and a desire to make a lasting impact and sustainable difference in the way people think, act, or behave. <sup>5</sup>
<b>23. Passionate &amp; Positive</b> Finds joy in life and discovers personal interests and passions.	<b>24. Embrace Failure</b> Realizes that failure is a part of the learning process and find ways to learn from the experience. <sup>6</sup>
<b>25. Analytical &amp; Evaluative</b> Ability to weigh options and information to make connections, infer meaning, and determine the credibility or validity of a source.	<b>26. Grit &amp; Perseverance</b> Stays the course toward goals, despite the obstacles or adversity they may encounter. <sup>7 **</sup>
<b>27. Logic &amp; Reasoning</b> Uses a rational, systematic series of steps based on information and experiences to determine a solution or conclusion. <sup>8</sup>	<b>28. Cross-Cultural Communication</b> Appreciation of and ability to learn from and work with people from diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds. <sup>9</sup>

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1 <http://mindsetonline.com/whatisit/about/> 2 <http://www.casel.org/what-is-sel/> 3 <http://www.casel.org/what-is-sel/> 4

<http://www.casel.org/core-competencies/> \*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 5 <http://gettingsmart.com/2016/08/developing-minds-ready-for-the-innovation-economy/> 6 <http://gettingsmart.com/2016/04/embracing-failure-as-a-necessary-part-of-deeper-learning/> 7

<http://gettingsmart.com/2016/05/can-grit-be-grown/> 8 <http://www.criticalthinking.org/pages/glossary-of-critical-thinking-terms/496> 9 <http://www.nea.org/tools/30402.htm>