

THE DANVILLE DIPLOMA

What Comes with a Diploma from Danville Schools?

- 1. INTENTIONAL EXPERIENCES** to equip students with skills to do the following:
 - a. Persevere when faced with challenges
 - b. Value and exercise creativity
 - c. Discover how critical thinking skills are used across disciplines
 - d. Become a functioning member of a team
 - e. Exercise effective communication and presentation skills
 - f. Understand the importance of taking initiative
 - g. Learn about various aspects of leadership and develop those skills
 - h. Adapt and problem solve
 - i. Manage time and create a plan for accomplishing a task or goal
 - j. Know how to find reliable and accurate information
 - k. Analyze, synthesize and make inferences from data
- 2.** The requirement for students to **DEMONSTRATE READINESS** to move to the next level at specific transition points (grades 5, 8, and 12) by demonstrating growth and development as a learner and productive, contributing member of the school and larger community;
- 3. MEANINGFUL, IN-DEPTH EXPERIENCES** for students with service learning and career interests as well as on going opportunities to experience and explore both visual and performing arts;
- 4.** Opportunities each year for students to plan for **SUCCESSFUL PATHWAYS FOR BOTH COLLEGE AND CAREER**, starting no later than 5th grade, with the purpose of being exposed to as many options as possible;
- 5.** The requirement for all students to take either an **ADVANCED PLACEMENT OR COLLEGE-LEVEL COURSE** and/or the opportunity to **EARN CAREER CERTIFICATION**;
- 6.** Opportunities for students, beginning in Kindergarten, to become **CONVERSANT IN ONE LANGUAGE, OTHER THAN ENGLISH** or their native language, with the chance to explore others;
- 7.** Learning through **MEANINGFUL PROJECTS** and taking part in meaningful processes to develop **DEEPER UNDERSTANDINGS**;
- 8.** Opportunities to become **FINANCIALLY LITERATE**, both on a personal level and with the larger economy;
- 9.** An understanding of **USING SOCIAL MEDIA RESPONSIBLY** as well as possible consequences when appropriate judgment is not utilized;
- 10.** The development of what it means to be a **RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN**, and a deep **SENSE OF CONNECTION** to the Danville community.

