## SOFT SKILLS

**P**oise - appear calm and confident, avoid distracting behaviors

**V**oice - speak every word clearly, use the correct volume for your space

**L**ife - express with passion and emotions with your voice

**E**ye contact - connect visually with the audience, look at each audience member

**G**estures - use hand motions, move your body, have an expression on your face

**S**peed - talk with appropriate speed, use pauses for effect

## HARD SKILLS

In addition to social skills, students learn how to cooperate in a group with diverse thinkers and learners, students learn to listen for understanding and not listen to simply respond.  In a STEM environment, students learn how to identify and solve the real world problems of today.  Simply having a background in working with a team to complete a project is different than learning to collaborate as a team, take on a particular role, and reach out to community members.  The understanding of networks and building community partnerships as they relate to STEM is essential for success.