

# Portrait of a Graduate

*Highline Academy graduates are prepared to thrive in high school, career, and life.*

## — REACH UP —

### Reach Up | Critical Thinkers & Lifelong Learners

*They read deeply, think analytically, solve complex problems, and communicate clearly. Highline graduates are curious, adaptable learners who use technology thoughtfully and keep growing in a changing world.*

#### **Key Skills:**

- Critical thinking & problem solving
- Strong reading comprehension & mathematical reasoning
- Clear written and verbal communication
- Curiosity and independent thinking
- Responsible technology and AI use
- Student-led learning and reflection

## — REACH IN —

### Reach In | Resilient & Self-Reflective

*They persevere through challenges, regulate their emotions, take responsibility for their choices, and grow through reflection. Highline graduates understand that productive struggle builds strength.*

#### **Key Skills:**

- Resilience and determination
- Self-regulation and self-care
- Growth mindset
- Courage and confidence
- Responsibility and organization
- Productive struggle and reflection

## — REACH OUT —

### Reach Out | Civic-Minded Leaders

*They collaborate across differences, speak with confidence, serve their communities, and lead with integrity and purpose.*

#### Key Skills:

- Leadership opportunities
- Public speaking
- Collaboration and conflict resolution
- Practical life skills (civic literacy, budgeting, responsibility)
- Meaningful community service

### Reach Out | Rooted in Community

*They build strong friendships, practice empathy, and contribute to safe, joyful, inclusive spaces where everyone feels known and valued.*

#### Key Skills:

- Empathy and acceptance of differences
- Safe, joyful, inclusive environment
- True friendship and belonging
- Restorative practices
- REACH values and whole-school traditions

### Reach Out | Globally & Culturally Aware

*They celebrate diverse cultures, seek new perspectives, engage with the world beyond the classroom, and approach differences with curiosity and respect.*

#### Key Skills:

- Culturally diverse experiences
- Multilingual exposure
- Engagement with diverse perspectives

### THE HIGHLINE PROMISE

Highline graduates embody **empathy, perseverance, integrity, and curiosity** — equipped with the foundational skills and character to adapt, contribute, and flourish wherever their future leads.

RESPONSIBILITY

EMPOWERMENT

ASPIRATION

CITIZENSHIP

HONESTY