

### *Nine Graduation Competencies and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills*

Ballston Spa graduates will demonstrate the following competencies:

1. Effective communicators
2. Academically skilled
3. Productive and versatile thinkers
4. Skilled information managers
5. Productive workers
6. Personally and interpersonally skilled
7. Responsible citizens of their community, nation and world
8. Self-directed learners
9. Physically and mentally healthy

#### **Our Mission:**

The Ballston Spa Central School District is committed to providing an excellent education that maximizes the potential of each student. In partnership with the family and community, our students will become responsible and well-rounded adults.

#### **Our Vision:**

The Ballston Spa Central School District will be a place where excellent education is provided for all students, supported by a community that is active in the educational process, both at home and in the schools. As a result of high expectations and rigorous programs, students will be challenged to work hard and learn well. We will be known as a district that serves our community well. We will stand out among neighboring schools for our unique ability to meet the diverse educational needs of our students.

**“Educating Everyone Takes Everyone” is what the Ballston Spa Central School District stands for. An excellent education driven by high expectations for each and every student is at the heart of the BSCSD mission. We strongly encourage and support a community that is active in the educational process, and we will be known as a district that stands out among its peers and serves its community well – that’s “Educating Everyone Takes Everyone.”**

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#### ***Effective Communicators:***

- Students will...
- use and respond to a variety of methods and mediums (written, oral, and electronic).
  - express knowledge, thoughts, feelings, and perceptions.
  - recognize and respond appropriately to an array of purposes and audiences.

#### ***Academically Skilled:***

- Students will...
- interpret learning outcomes.
  - acquire and sustain a general knowledge of and express appreciation for varied disciplines.
  - use a variety of resources to investigate, acquire, and apply information.

#### ***Critical Thinkers:***

- Students will...
- employ effective decision-making processes to evaluate, interpret, and apply information from multiple perspectives and sources.

#### ***Skilled Information Managers:***

- Students will...
- identify, extract, manipulate, and evaluate information.
  - use a variety of technological and informational resources.

#### ***Productive Workers:***

- Students will...
- contribute individually or as a member of a team for a positive outcome.
  - take responsibility for behavior in relation to “workplace” expectations.
  - demonstrate the skills needed to succeed professionally.

#### ***Personally and Interpersonally Skilled:***

- Students will...
- recognize, value, and appreciate the perspectives and strengths of self and others.
  - work cooperatively, independently, and effectively.

#### ***Responsible Citizens:***

- Students will...
- demonstrate ongoing civic involvement in global and local communities.
  - understand and respect the worth and dignity of all individuals and cultures.

#### ***Self-Directed Learners:***

- Students will...
- take responsibility for lifelong learning by pursuing knowledge independently and persistently.

#### ***Physically and Mentally Healthy:***

- Students will...
- develop an awareness of self and practice habits necessary for a healthy lifestyle.