

Future Ready Skills



Overview for Students

Developing the 6 Future Ready Skills and getting feedback on them is one of your [3 goals for your NAF academy experience](#), along with identifying your career aspirations and building professional connections. By building these skills through work-based learning, you will be positioned for success no matter what path you choose after high school.

The following are brief descriptions of what each skill means and how you may also see them referred to in different places. To learn more about how the Future Ready Skills fit into your NAF academy experience, watch the [Future Ready Forever Video Series: Introduction](#). Links to videos for each skill are below.

COLLABORATION

- Contributes to the work of the team and support others
- Resolves areas of disagreement or conflict through discussion

Also referred to as: accountability, cooperation, helpfulness, leadership, participation, conflict resolution, teamwork

[Future Ready Forever Video Series: Collaboration](#)



COMMUNICATION

- Listens to understand and asks clarifying questions as needed
- Presents information in an organized manner that serves the purpose of the message, context, and audience

Also referred to as: listening, negotiation, persuasion, presentation, verbal or written communication

[Future Ready Forever Video Series: Communication](#)



PROBLEM SOLVING

- Breaks problems into manageable parts
- Generates multiple potential solutions to problems using relevant and factual information to guide decisions
- Identifies new and more effective ways to solve problems

Also referred to as: creative, critical thinking, decision making, innovative, process-oriented, strategic

[Future Ready Forever Video Series: Problem Solving](#)

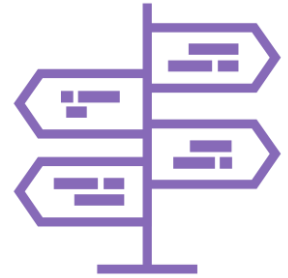


INITIATIVE & SELF-DIRECTION

- Receptive to feedback on their performance and adapts appropriately
- Stays calm, clear-headed, and unflappable under stress
- Works independently and seeks out information needed to complete tasks

Also referred to as: adaptable, agile, dedicated, focus, grit, motivated, optimism, perseverance, persistent, project management, self-discipline, work ethic

[Future Ready Forever Video Series: Initiative & Self-Direction](#)



SOCIAL AWARENESS

- Takes responsibility for their own actions and does not blame others
- Adapts to different social environments and maintains integrity and honesty in all situations
- Considers the feelings and needs of others when making decisions or performing tasks

Also referred to as: appreciation, empathy, emotional intelligence, ethics, fit, global awareness, perceptive, responsibility, social intelligence, social skills

[Future Ready Forever Video Series: Social Awareness](#)



PLANNING FOR SUCCESS

- Manages time well and does not procrastinate, getting work done on time
- Arrives on time and is rarely absent without cause

Also referred to as: ambition, assertive, goal-setting, impulse control, mastery-focuses goals, metacognitive strategies, motivation, multi-task, plan, punctual, preparedness, self-regulation, self-reliance, time management

[Future Ready Forever Video Series: Planning for Success](#)

