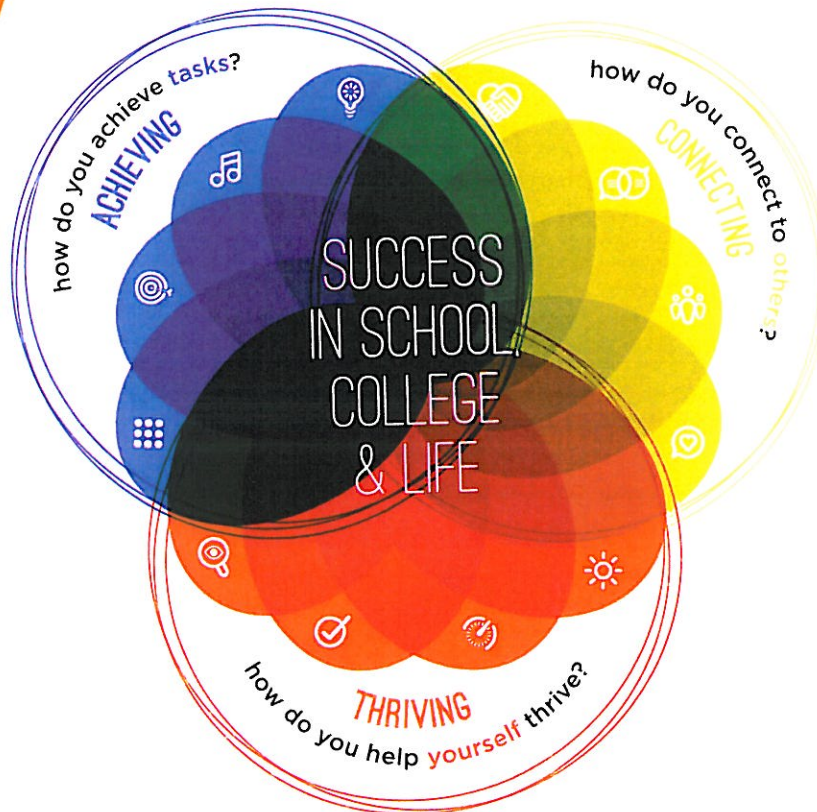


## Achieve, Connect, Thrive

The Achieve, Connect, Thrive framework unites stakeholders from across the youth-serving field in Boston around the skills young people need to succeed.

Derived from the best of the youth development field, and afterschool program providers themselves, the skills in the framework are those that research from a number of fields, including education and developmental psychology, suggests are important for success in school, college, and 21st Century careers.



ACHIEVING	critical thinking
	creativity
	goal focus
	organization
CONNECTING	relationships
	communication
	teamwork
	respect
THRIVING	wellbeing
	drive
	efficacy
	awareness of self & others

### Skills in the framework meet three important criteria:

- ◆ They need to be **identifiable**.

Young people and the adults who work with them need to be able to identify evidence of a skill in their attitudes or behaviors.

- ◆ They need to be **measurable**.

Skills in the framework can all be described in relative terms.

- ◆ They can be **developed**.

Intentional steps can be taken to develop skills in the framework, through thoughts, activities and experiences.

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