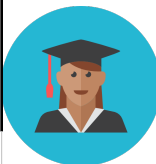
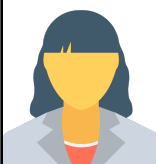


Defense Implementation Quality Criteria		
	Evidence of alignment to Graduate Profile, Pathway Outcomes, etc.	Defense asks students to answer a meaningful Driving Question that is mapped to the Graduate Profile
		Students have robust body of work or artifacts of deeper learning to draw upon that provides evidence of their demonstration of the Graduate Profile
		The defense invites students to articulate deep reflection/ metacognition about their mastery of and/or growth in the skills of the Graduate Profile.
	Evidence of student agency	Students address the Driving Question with their own unique answer
		There is room within the defense structure for students to personalize
		Students must go through some curation process - they are making meaningful choices about what and how they defend
	Evidence of a shared definition of success/ high quality	There is a shared rubric for the defense
		Every member of the school community is trained on, and then calibrated in assessing a defense with the rubric
		The panel uses an evidence-based protocol during deliberation to assess the defense
	Evidence of deliberate school design/ structure	There are clear benchmarks that scaffold student progress to defense
		Rehearsal and feedback is mandatory, and is worked into school culture and structures
		The scheduling of defenses represents the culminating nature of the event, and also leaves enough time for students to revise and try again
	Evidence of learning that is made public	Students are defending in front of an audience
		Students are defending to a robust panel • There are 2 or more adults on panel (Ideally 3) • There are diverse voices on panel - students, teachers/staff, community members, industry experts when relevant, alumni • The panel pushes the depth of the defense by asking high quality questions
	Evidence of professionalism	Defense showcases strong 21st century presentation skills, both visually and verbally
		All participants (students and adults) demonstrate high stakes nature of the defense through professional dress, language, etc.