

## Reflect on the Graduation Mindset

All meaningful and lasting change starts with a mirror. Self-reflect first. Take a moment and ask yourself a few questions about what you do to help your students graduate.

1. What changes will you make to your teaching mindset to focus on achieving 100 percent student graduation?
2. What are some ways you can use music or physical activity in your classroom to benefit student learning?
3. What is a strategy you can implement to help students decide whether to focus on graduating college ready or career ready?
4. What strategies in this part could you work on with leadership and colleagues to adopt as a whole-school approach? Who are the key motivators you need on board to make this happen?
5. What is another mindset in this book you can use in conjunction with the graduation mindset to help ensure all your students graduate?

No one is telling you this is easy. You are in a tough profession. All you can ask of yourself is to be true to yourself and your students. At any point in your work, if you're uncommitted and on the fence, your students will sense it. If you're just waiting for retirement, how many students will you adversely influence before you call it quits? Your students need a teacher who is all in.