



ZIS Learning Principles

The ZIS Community shares the following Learning Principles:

LEARNING IS PURPOSEFUL

- We have a shared understanding of learning. All students can and do learn. Learning is a purposeful process of extending conceptual understanding, mastering competencies, and developing character traits.

EVERYONE CAN LEARN

- Everyone can learn how to learn. When students learn how to learn, they become confident and independent, able to own, and direct their learning. Lifelong learning is a valuable skill.

AUTHENTIC AND MEANINGFUL

- Authentic contexts make learning meaningful. Learning is more meaningful, engaging and enduring when students inquire into real world issues, dilemmas and perspectives.

QUALITY OVER QUANTITY

- The quality of learning is more important than the quantity of content. Content coverage alone does not equal learning. Extension of conceptual understanding, mastery of competencies, and development of character traits requires selective use of illustrative content.

LEARNING IS PERSONAL

- Individuals have different starting points, different interests, and will follow different learning pathways. We personalize learning by providing appropriate challenge, choice, constructive feedback, and opportunities to act on that feedback.

LEARNING IS SOCIAL

- We learn from one another in safe environments when we are connected through positive, caring relationships. Interaction and collaboration form an important part of learning.

EVERYONE LEARNS

- Our principles of learning apply to all members of the ZIS Community.