

# THE ACADEMY CORNERSTONES

The Grosse Pointe Academy's curriculum and learning environment nurtures, challenges, and inspires our students to develop into becoming...

## INTELLECTUALLY CURIOUS

EMPATHETIC

LEADERS

INDEPENDENT

## GLOBAL CITIZENS

ACTIVE LISTENERS

CRITICAL THINKERS

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATORS

### INTELLECTUAL CURIOSITY

**IT IS** Genuine love of learning about a wide variety of topics and ideas  
A thirst for knowledge

Always asking questions and seeking answers

**IT IS NOT** Just about getting the right answer  
Just about getting good grades  
Just about doing well on standardized tests



### EMPATHY



**IT IS** Recognizing and valuing other people's views, opinions and struggles  
Recognizing our point of view and how it affects our decision-making  
Making sincere connections with others

**IT IS NOT** About sympathy  
About you  
About your emotions

### LEADERSHIP

**IT IS** Modeling good behavior  
Ability to adapt, pivot and collaborate  
Celebrating others' achievements

**IT IS NOT** About being in charge  
About popularity  
About power



### INDEPENDENCE



**IT IS** Self-advocacy  
Self-direction  
Risk-taking

**IT IS NOT** About being selfish  
About doing it all on your own  
About being afraid to ask for help

### GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

**IT IS** Understanding the wider world and his/her place in it  
Respecting all cultures  
Environmental and community stewardship

**IT IS NOT** Just about traveling  
Just about fulfilling community service  
Just about being bilingual



### ACTIVE LISTENING



**IT IS** Being present  
Understanding intent  
Reflecting

**IT IS NOT** Just about hearing  
Just about remembering facts  
Just about taking notes

### CRITICAL THINKING

**IT IS** Analyzing and synthesizing multiple resources and perspectives  
Applying knowledge and creativity to problem-solve  
Having perseverance

**IT IS NOT** A quick response  
Just about filling in the answer  
Just about agreeing



### EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

**IT IS** Sharing in a clear and concise manner  
Speaking confidently in front of others  
Writing competently with purpose

**IT IS NOT** Just speaking to be heard  
Writing words to fulfill an assignment  
Oversharing

