**THROUGH 2024** 

# STRATEGIC PLAN

CAYMAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



### CAYMAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL: STRATEGIC PLAN

Part I: LEARNING

This document maps out the plan for all aspects of learning, leading, teaching and assessing at CIS, from 2018-2022. As an organizer it uses the CGC Learning Ecosystem. In brief, our goal is that learning will be defined, designed, delivered and demonstrated ('4 D's') in the best possible ways at CIS. The Plan is driven by 'impact goals', the specific changes we want to see happening against which we will gather evidence of success.

The Impact Goal for the overall Learning Plan is that:

All learning stakeholders will benefit from a coherent, consistent Learning Ecosystem through which we define, design, deliver and demonstrate learning in ways that have optimal learning impact.

Each of the 4 D's of the Ecosystem has its own impact goal, which is then broken down into further actions, each mapped across our planning sequence. By using the Learning Ecosystem as a planning system, and by implementing the resulting plan, we will achieve all the impacts we have identified, ensuring that we offer every student an optimal learning experience in the context of a learning culture in which parents, teachers and leaders are supporting student learning while also learning ourselves.

Our plan includes three layers: 1) An overview of the CIS Mission, Vision, Principles, and description of the CIS Learning Ecosystem that frames our plan; 2) A strategic plan separated into two parts ('Learning' and 'Operations') that illustrates how and when we will achieve impact; 3) An action plan that focuses on the impacts of the strategic plan and the ways in which they will be measured.

# MISSION Connect | Inspire | Serve

Positive Community. Passionate Learners.

# COMMUNITY PRINCIPLES

Good Intent Kindness Partnership Sustainability

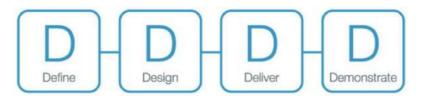
#### **VISION**

We are a positive school community strengthened by our international diversity. We find common ground in a shared commitment to learning that connects ideas and people, challenges us to grow, and inspires us to better ourselves and our world. We use principles to guide our journey and recognize that preparing for and shaping the future starts with embracing the opportunities that surround us each day.

# LEARNING PRINCIPLES

Language Ownership Nature Context

### **The CIS Learning Ecosystem**



#### How do we organize learning for optimal learning impact?

Overarching Impact Goal: All learning stakeholders will benefit from a coherent, consistent Learning Ecosystem through which we Define, Design, Deliver and Demonstrate Learning in ways that have optimal learning impact.

Define DEFINE	What is learning and how do we do it?	Our Learning Impacts:  All learning stakeholders benefit from the clarity and consistency of direction provided by a clear set of guiding statements that map out our learning purposes, principles and definitions.	Our Learning Products:  Learning Mission Learning Principles Learning Definition Learning Glossary
Design DESIGN	What's worth learning and how do the pieces fit?	Our Learning Impacts:  All learners develop agreed upon conceptual understandings, competencies and character traits in the context of relevant life-worthy content that is organized for optimal coherence, continuity and connections.	Our Learning Products:  Learning Standards Disciplinary Learning Units Transdisciplinary Learning Learning Matrix Co-curricular Learning Learning Space, Learning Time Character Learning
Deliver DELIVER	How do we teach for learning and create learning cultures?	Our Learning Impacts:  All learners benefit from a supportive learning culture shaped by shared learning principles and targeted approaches to learning shaped by common learning definitions.	Our Learning Products: A Professional Learning Culture Professional Learning Systems Our Key Pedagogies Learning Leadership Learning and Language Support Learning Technology
Demonstrate  DEMONSTRATE	How do we know what we've learned and let others know?	Our Learning Impacts:  All learners have a clear sense of their own goals, pathways and progress because they are guided by consistent formative feedback, both continuous and cumulative.	Comprised of:  Assessment & Reporting Plan Learning Ownership Learning Analysis and Feedback

## The CIS Learning Ecosystem: Our Learning Products

Defining Learning  Define	Learning Mission All significant decisions are guided by a simple set of underlying statements which have widespread buy-in from all stakeholder groups.	Learning Principles All learners benefit from agreed teaching and learning practices guided by shared Learning Principles.	Learning Definition All learners are better able to own, lead and manage their own learning because we have a shared understanding of how learning works through a definition of learning that drives pedagogy and provide us with a common learning language	Learning Glossary All learning conversations are more effective and efficient because they are informed by common understanding of the meanings of key terms			
Designing Learning  Design	Learning Standards Learners develop deep conceptual understanding, high levels of competency and strong character, through sustained engagement with an articulated flow of Learning Standards designed by experts.	Disciplinary Learning Units Learners develop expertise in the 3 C's, as documented in our CIS Design for Learning, in the rich, relevant context of challenging disciplinary learning.	Transdisciplinary Learning Teachers develop expertise in the 3 Cs by creating life-worthy transdisciplinary units; these units are designed to enable our students to respond to current and future challenges and opportunities facing humanity.	Learning Matrix Throughout their time at CIS, learners engage with a connected, balanced learning experience through a connected, coherent Matrix of Learning Units.	Co-curricular Learning Learners extend, enhance and experiment with their learning experiences through rich and rewarding offerings of Co- curricular Learning.	Learning Space, Learning Time The school's agreed approaches to learning are supported by the intentional use of learning spaces and instructional time.	Character Learning Learners live by the values and dispositions that define our school culture and are explicitly fostered in designs for learning.
Delivering Learning Deliver	A Professional Learning Culture Learning, teaching and leading is guided by an explicit learning culture framed by shared learning principles and a common learning language. CIS Learning Professionals own their own professional learning, continually working to improve their learning impact on students.	Professional Learning Systems The CIS Professional Learning System drives goal-setting, professional development, coaching, professional feedback and reflection.	Key Pedagogies Learners become expert in key pedagogies (i.e., guided inquiry, PBLs, etc.) through a sustained focus, including coaching and the provision of appropriate resources and toolkits.	Learning Leadership Effective leadership and efficient management are evident at all levels through clarity of roles and a sustained, strategic approach to capacity building.	Learning and Language Support Students with a range of learning and language profiles learn optimally because of support systems that provide them with structured, differentiated access to learning.	Learning Technology As students work towards different learning goals, they are supported by the technology tools that are identified as most "fit for purpose".	
Demonstrating Learning  Demonstrate	Assessment & Reporting Students experience consistency of purpose and practice in assessment, recording and reporting through the development and implementation of a clear, comprehensive assessment and reporting plan.	Learning Ownership Students learn optimally because they are able to assess their own learning, formulate appropriate goals, plan to achieve them, respond constructively to feedback, reflect on progress and modify future actions.	Learning Analysis and Feedback Learners make optimal progress as a result of systems of feedback, assessment, recording and reporting and learning is clearly communicated to all stakeholders.				



Key question: What is learning and how do we do it?

#### What do we want to see happening that we are not seeing now?

Impact Goal: All learning stakeholders benefit from the clarity and consistency of direction provided by a clear set of guiding statements that map out our learning purposes, principles and definitions.

WHAT? What specific impacts will contribute to our overarching impact?	HOW? What actions will we take to achieve our impact?	2017-2019	2019-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
Learning Mission All significant decisions are guided by a simple set of underlying statements which have widespread buy-in from all stakeholder groups.	<ul> <li>Plan and implement a process through which a balanced team of learning stakeholders co-create a simple, powerful set of guiding statements that frame the identity of CIS, guide actions and have wide/deep community buy-in</li> </ul>					
Learning Principles All learners benefit from agreed teaching and learning practices	Establish CIS Learning Principles					
guided by shared Learning Principles.	<ul> <li>Articulate Shared Practices derived from Learning Principles which form the basis of professional expectations</li> </ul>					
Learning Definition All learners are better able to own, lead and manage their own learning because we have a shared understanding of how learning works through a definition of learning that drives pedagogy and provide us with a common learning language.	<ul> <li>Review CGC Learning Definitions, create one for CIS and use it to guide learning</li> </ul>					
Learning Glossary All learning conversations are more effective and efficient because they are informed by common understanding of the meanings of key terms.	Review CGC Learning Glossary and create a CIS Learning Glossary					



#### Key question: What's worth learning and how do the pieces fit?

#### What do we want to see happening that we are not seeing now?

Impact Goal: All learning professionals develop agreed conceptual understandings, competencies and character in the context of relevant, life-worthy content that is organized for optimal coherence, continuity and connections.

WHAT?	HOW?					
What particular <b>impacts</b> will contribute to our overarching impact?	What actions will it take to achieve impact?	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
Learning Standards Learners develop deep conceptual understanding, high levels of competency and strong character, through sustained engagement with an articulated flow of Learning Standards designed by experts.	<ul> <li>Create a CIS Design for Learning that clearly shows how our adopted sets of Standards align with and support our Definition of Learning</li> </ul>					
Disciplinary Learning Units Learners develop expertise in the 3 C's, as documented	<ul> <li>Construct a Unit Planner that is used as a tool to implement the CIS Design for Learning</li> </ul>					
in our CIS Design for Learning, in the rich, relevant context of challenging disciplinary learning.	<ul> <li>Provide coaching to support the intentional planning of units or experiences reflecting the 3 C's</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>Align High Scope in EC with the 3 C's using 'Head, Heart, Hands' framework</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>Form 'disciplinary big ideas' to vertically articulate conceptual learning in our school</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>Develop exemplar units or experiences in which the Standards bring the 3 C's to life</li> </ul>					
Transdisciplinary Learning Teachers develop expertise in the 3 C's by creating life-worthy	<ul> <li>Design and/or strengthen transdisciplinary units in the Secondary School</li> </ul>					
transdisciplinary units; these units are designed to enable our students to respond to current and future challenges and	Fully integrate TOK into IB courses					
opportunities facing humanity.	<ul> <li>Strengthen and develop interdisciplinary links within PBLEs so that students can articulate connections between the disciplines</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>Establish transdisciplinary themes that are horizontally and/or vertically articulated to organize learning and provide meaningful connections of learning</li> </ul>					
Learning Matrix Throughout their time at CIS, learners engage with a connected,	Revise the current Atlas template to reflect the unit planner					
balanced learning experience through a connected, coherent Matrix of Learning Units.	<ul> <li>Generate a CIS Learning Matrix to illustrate a connected learning design</li> </ul>					

Co-curricular Learning Learners extend, enhance and experiment with their learning experiences through a rich and rewarding offerings of Co-curricular Learning.	<ul> <li>Articulate and map current co-curricular activities (K-12) in strands to align with and support the 3 C's</li> <li>Design and offer co-curricular activities aligned with the identified strands and 3 C's</li> </ul>			
Learning Space, Learning Time The school's agreed approaches to learning are supported by the intentional use of learning spaces and instructional time.	<ul> <li>Develop understandings of design intentions, functionalities and space utilization in the new EC and HS buildings</li> <li>Include a variety of types of spaces (i.e. collaborative, quiet) for students to use during activities and different modes of learning</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Conduct an audit of current learning spaces to determine optimal learning impact</li> <li>Redesign time schedules in each division so that they are more effective in supporting CIS philosophies and systems and are maximizing use of new learning spaces</li> </ul>			
Character Learning Learners live by the values and dispositions that define our school culture and are explicitly fostered in designs for learning.	Establish common school-wide Values and Dispositions (i.e. Character Standards) that are integrated into K-12 units and aligned with current character frameworks (i.e. IB Learner Profile and Positive Discipline)			
	Develop a school-wide:			
	<ul> <li>Enhance the Secondary Advisory program through consistent programming and implementation</li> <li>Enhance Positive Discipline practices in the Elementary school through consistent implementation</li> </ul>			



#### Key question: How do we teach for learning and create learning cultures?

#### What do we want to see happening that we are not seeing now?

Impact Goal: All learners benefit from a sustained learning culture in which our practices are shaped by shared learning principles and common learning definitions.

WHAT? What particular impacts will contribute to our overarching	HOW? What actions will it take to achieve impact?	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
impact?  A Professional Learning Culture Learning, teaching and leading is guided by an explicit learning culture framed by shared learning principles and a common learning language. CIS Learning Professionals own their own professional learning, continually working to improve their learning impact on students.	Create, describe and share the CIS Professional Learning System as a foundation of establishing a culture focused on learning					
Professional Learning Systems The CIS Professional Learning System drives goal-setting,	Establish teacher Shared Practices that align to Learning Principles					
professional development, coaching, professional feedback and reflection.	<ul> <li>Create a Continua tool based on CIS Shared Practices to be used effectively in coaching faculty</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>Include one individual and one common team/department goal in teacher goal-setting, both of which align with our principles and include evidence of impact</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>Design professional learning (coaching, collaborative planning sessions, and other PD experiences) that explicitly guides teachers in achieving their professional team goals</li> </ul>					
	Provide meaningful feedback to teachers regarding their growth on the Shared Practices Continua					
	<ul> <li>Integrate teacher reflection into the system and ensure this is directly connected to student learning impact</li> </ul>					
Key Pedagogies Learners become expert in key pedagogies (i.e., guided inquiry,	Revise the CIS 'toolkit' to align to the Learning Principles					
PBLs, etc.) through a sustained focus, including coaching and the provision of appropriate resources and toolkits.	<ul> <li>Design CIS collaborative times to develop teacher capacity in agreed pedagogies (toolkit)</li> </ul>					
Learning Leadership Effective leadership and efficient management are evident at all levels through clarity of roles and a sustained, strategic approach to capacity building.	<ul> <li>Initiate a range of non-hierarchical leadership opportunities for professionals (i.e. mentoring, project management, learning team leaders, etc.) and a plan for adding these roles</li> </ul>					

	<ul> <li>Provide time, training and tools for effective leadership for faculty leaders</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Leaders devise their own individual goals based on Shared Leadership practices that align to CIS Leadership Principles and CIS Learning Principles</li> </ul>			
Learning and Language Support Students with a range of learning and language profiles learn	<ul> <li>Provide adequate space, staffing, training and support for a new learning support model in the Early Childhood</li> </ul>			
optimally because of support systems that provide them with structured, differentiated access to learning.	Build and implement a pull-out model (and other flexible services) for identified elementary learners     Guide and support 1-1 learning assistants (provided by parents) through CIS learning support specialists     Provide targeted EAL services through qualified staff     Enhance the on-campus services of students with exceptionalities through external itinerant services			
	<ul> <li>Articulate and improve structures and plans for Learning Support in the Secondary school</li> </ul>			
Learning Technology As students work towards different learning goals, they are supported by the technology tools that are identified as most "fit for purpose".	Develop an Information Media & Technology learning plan based on identified standards and resources (ISTE, AASL, Common Sense Media, etc.)     Strengthen STEAM and Maker programs     Strengthen student competencies in digital citizenship			
	<ul> <li>Coach and support teachers in effectively integrating technology in learning experiences</li> </ul>			



#### Key question: How do we know what we've learned and let others know?

#### What do we want to see happening that we are not seeing now?

Impact Goal: All learners develop and track a clear sense of their own goals, pathways and progress guided by consistent formative feedback, both continuous and cumulative.

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What actions will we take to achieve our impact?	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
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Create common tools to enhance goal setting and reflection (audio scripts, question prompts, and/or structured sheets)  Coach students in goal-setting, portfolio-building and student-led conferences  Expand opportunities and structures for students to engage in personalized learning experiences (i.e. PLE and online courses, adaptive technologies)  Create more consistent, ongoing, frequent, and effective feedback cycles to engage with individual learners at the classroom level  Develop a more robust PLC system of moderating student work and analyzing related data  Collect exemplars (student work and sample narratives) to inform and develop teacher assessment and reporting practices  Provide communications and reports to students and parents that are effective in providing meaningful and personalized feedback regarding student progress  Clearly and proactively communicate CIS's approaches to assessment and reporting to parents and students throughout the school year	Develop an A&R Plan that articulates CIS philosophy and expected use of assessments and reports     Specify formative practices and cumulative expectations measuring and/or documenting learning      Revise standards-based reporting system in the Elementary school to better report on whole learning as defined by CIS language and principles      Analyze and consider standards based reporting practices for Secondary School      Enhance and develop the student goal-setting and portfolio system in ES and extend this into the Secondary School      Coach teachers in student goal setting processes, reflective practices, and student led conferences.	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## **CAYMAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL: STRATEGIC PLAN**

#### Part II: CIS OPERATIONS

This document maps out a plan for progress of CIS operations, from 2018-2022. It is driven by the standards from the Middle States Association, the accrediting organization of CIS. The plan includes 'impact goals', namely the specific changes we want to see happening against which we will gather evidence of success.

The Impact Goal for the overall Operational Plan is that:

All learning stakeholders benefit from the effective, efficient management of resources and processes in support of the school's mission, principles and practices.

Each section of our Operational Plan has its own impact goal. As we work to achieve these, we will gradually be improving our performance so that we are managing our resources and our operational systems with increasing efficiency and effectiveness with direct alignment to our foundational statements.

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN: CIS OPERATIONS**

Key question: How do we align all resources optimally to achieve our impacts?

What do we want to see happening that we are not seeing now?

Impact Goal: All learning stakeholders benefit from the effective, efficient, transparent management of resources and processes in support of the school's mission, principles and practices.

WHAT?	HOW?					
What specific <b>impacts</b> will contribute to our overarching impact?	What actions will we take to achieve our impact?	2018-2019	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
Mission All CIS stakeholders benefit from a positive culture shaped	Establish a new CIS Mission and Vision involving a broad stakeholder group					
by the CIS Mission and Community Principles. This includes clarity and commitment around key values statements within the Mission and Principles.	Initiate systems to bring the Mission to life for the school and local communities					
	Establish CIS Community Principles					
	Initiate systems to keep Community Principles 'alive and well' for stakeholders					
Governance and Finance CIS stakeholders feel confident in the school's governance	<ul> <li>Develop advancement and scholarship activities (explore CIS affiliated non-profit entity, etc.)</li> </ul>					
and financial sustainability through a clearer understanding of structures and systems, resulting from a commitment to	<ul> <li>Host annual governance meeting with Board representation and open Q&amp;A session</li> </ul>					
transparency and open communication.	List the CIS Board in school communications					
	Provide information to stakeholders regarding the DART/ISS/CIS partnership					
	Share additional CIS financial information with stakeholders					
	<ul> <li>Optimize staff compensation and benefits to recruit high-quality staff and meet desired retention rates</li> </ul>					
Safety and Security The school campus is safe and secure for all stakeholders,	<ul> <li>Implement new campus alarms, security and mass communications systems for new facilities and existing facilities</li> </ul>					
with clear and supervised boundaries, reliable mass communication systems, strategic risk management and	<ul> <li>Use technology to improve mass communications, including a CIS 'WhatsApp' group</li> </ul>					
systematic training in key competencies.	Enhance campus security and optimize utilization of security guards					
	<ul> <li>Strengthen oversight of 3rd party contractors and volunteers and adjust procedures and policies as needed</li> </ul>					
	Increase safety of the boundary between the pitch and adjoining road					
	<ul> <li>Offer training (CPR/water safety/first aid/etc.) to CIS personnel and review student supervision procedures</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>Develop an updated CIS Wellness Plan (i.e. including nutrition, environmental awareness, sun safety, mindfulness, etc.)</li> </ul>					
	Assure alignment of child protection policies with Cayman government and international best practices					
	Improve safety measures (i.e. padding, etc.) for identified areas of the ARC					

Esternal Polations	Undertake a atrategic and evetemic review of all concets of admissions.	<del>                                     </del>		
External Relations CIS is populated by an optimal number of students and	<ul> <li>Undertake a strategic and systemic review of all aspects of admissions, marketing, communications and advancement for optimal impact</li> </ul>			
families who genuinely and actively support the school's	Create a plan for alumni relations, beginning with an alumni database and			
Mission and Principles, and CIS is recognized locally and	communications			
globally as a school of excellence.	Improve marketing materials (including brochures, website, social media, etc.)			
	to clearly tell the CIS story and communicate our message			
	<ul> <li>Enhance the admissions and onboarding experience for new students and families</li> </ul>			
	Increase the number of students graduating from CIS			
	Develop enrollment and staffing projections in line with facilities enhancements			
	<ul> <li>List SAC representatives on the website and regularly communicate their purpose</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Improve relationships with HR Managers and recruiters for major firms and companies</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Engage with the community to reinvigorate a PTA and support its efforts in carrying out its mission</li> </ul>			
Information Resources and Technology	Create a comprehensive software database, including educational and			
Educational and operational systems are effectively and	operational components, finances and other data			
efficiently supported by well-designed technology tools and proficient staff.	<ul> <li>Improve selection and use of technology tools for grading and reporting</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Explore effective integrated systems for student information and operations</li> </ul>			
	management and determine if new software would optimize operations			
	<ul> <li>Renew the technology plan and include a replacement cycle and projected capital equipment needs</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Gain an understanding of the technology needs of staff and students and provide targeted professional development</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Support progressive pedagogies and maximize labs and other spaces by providing cutting-edge tools</li> </ul>			
Facilities The CIS expansion is effectively designed and utilized to	<ul> <li>Consider future possibilities and ensure expansion designs are flexible to facilitate future needs</li> </ul>			
enhance learning, facilitate diverse functions and provide for optimal capacity.	<ul> <li>Ensure facilities support the school's principles and mission (i.e. sustainability, community, etc.)</li> </ul>			
	Conduct a storage analysis of existing and future spaces and determine needs and uses for spaces			
	<ul> <li>Ensure CIS sustainability philosophies are reflected in expansion design and facilities-related decision making</li> </ul>			
	Analyze enrollment projections and multiple growth trajectories with expansion capacity			
	<ul> <li>Develop a facilities plan and include a replacement cycle and projected capital needs</li> </ul>			