



THE ALEXANDER DAWSON SCHOOL

LOWER SCHOOL INSIGHTS ROTATIONS

The Lower School Insights Rotations are designed to equip K-4 students with world-readiness skills in alignment with the 2023 World Economic Forum's Future Jobs Report on What Schools Should Be Teaching.

Each grade level participates in the five Insights Courses below. During this dedicated time, students engage in lessons and activities that help them develop the habits of mind, competencies, and skills that lead to success.

STORYTELLING

The art of listening to and delivering stories is an essential skill for understanding the world. Students listen to and read stories written from different cultural perspectives and then practice the art of storytelling.

- Mindsets: Belonging, Engagement & Resilience
- Competencies: Communication & Cultural Responsiveness
- World-Readiness Alignment: Creativity & Social Influence

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Social-emotional learning (SEL) provides a foundation for safe and positive learning and enhances students' ability to succeed in school, careers, and life. Students explore self and social awareness through simulated activities and stories.

- Mindsets: Belonging, Advocacy & Engagement
- Competencies: Communication, Collaboration, Cultural Responsiveness
- World-Readiness Alignment: Motivation & Self-Awareness

GROUP DYNAMICS

Group dynamics lessons help students navigate the complexities of interpersonal relationships, develop empathy and emotional intelligence, and build a sense of identity and belonging. Students will engage in group activities that require team communication and collaboration.

- Mindsets: Belonging, Advocacy, Engagement & Resilience
- Competencies: Critical Thinking, Creativity, Communication & Collaboration
- World-Readiness Alignment: Leadership & Active Listening

LEARNING TO LEARN

Executive functioning activities help students develop adaptable thinking, planning skills, self-monitoring, time management, and organization. Students play strategy games as a method for improving work habits and enhancing their ability to think about their thinking.

- Mindsets: Engagement & Resiliency
- Competencies: Critical Thinking
- World-Readiness Alignment: Curiosity & Lifelong Learning

BRAIN BOGGLERS

Working on complex challenges and brain teasers can help build problem-solving skills, develop stamina, and enhance flexible thinking. Students actively use their reasoning and logic skills to find different ways to troubleshoot and solve problems.

- Mindsets: Engagement & Resiliency
- Competencies: Critical Thinking, Communication, Creativity & Collaboration
- World-Readiness Alignment: Analytical Thinking, Resilience, Flexibility & Agility