



THE GROSSE POINTE ACADEMY CORNERSTONES



Intellectual Curiosity

It is...

- A 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...

- About getting the right answer
- Getting good grades
- Doing well on standardized tests

Leadership

It is...

- Modeling good behavior
- Ability to adapt, pivot and collaborate
- Celebrating others' achievements

It is not...

- Being in charge
- Popularity
- Being in power

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

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
- Filling in the answer
- Agreeing

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

Independence

It is ...

- Self-advocacy
- Self-direction
- Risk-taking

It is not...

- Being selfish
- Doing it all on your own
- Being afraid to ask for help

Active Listening

It is ...

- Being present
- Understanding intent
- Reflecting

It is not...

- Just about hearing
- Remembering facts
- Taking notes

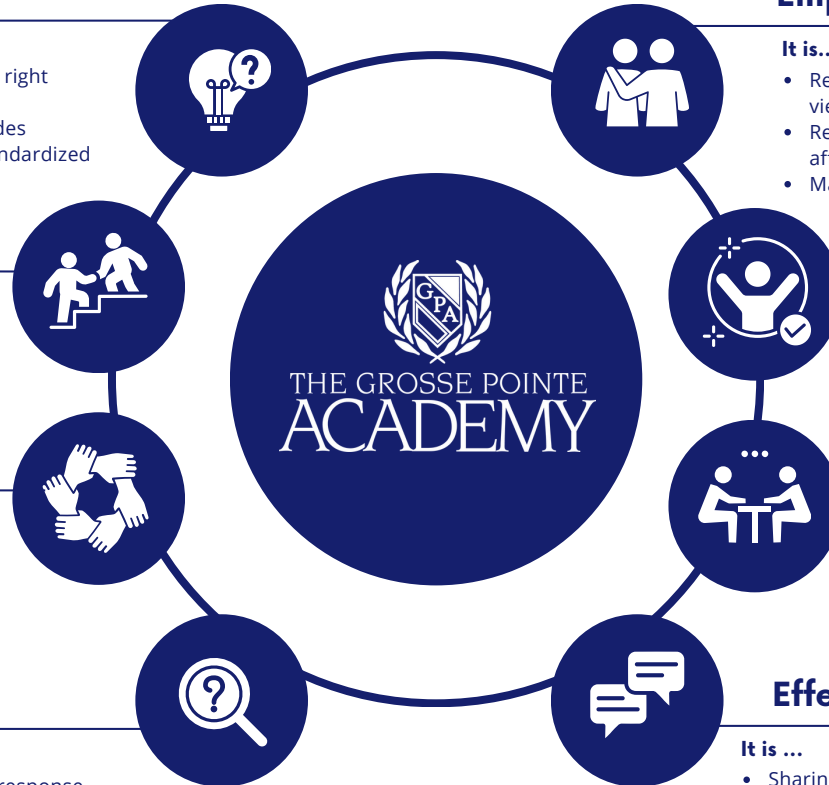
Effective Communication

It is ...

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

It is not...

- Speaking to be heard
- Writing words to fulfill an assignment
- Oversharing



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 and effective communicators.