



HHIMS IB WORLD SCHOOL IB NEWSLETTER

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HHIMS: The Unique Opportunities of an IB World School



Hilton Island Middle School is proud to offer our students an IB education as a Middle Years Programme school. This newsletter is designed to inform our parents and school community about the program purpose, outcomes, highlight achievements of students and staff, and encourage parents and community to grow their knowledge and engagement with IB at HHIMS. It takes a village to raise an internationally-minded Stingray, and we thank you for your interest and support.

What is an IB education?

International Baccalaureate (IB) programmes aim to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people with adaptable skills to tackle society's complex challenges and who will help to make it a better, more peaceful world. The programmes emphasize learning how to learn and teaching students to value learning as an essential, integral part of their everyday lives. Central to all IB programmes are four foundational and interrelated elements:

- international mindedness
- the IB learner profile
- a broad, balanced, conceptual and connected curriculum,
- approaches to teaching and learning.

Take a look at how Hilton Head Island Middle School integrates international-mindedness and the learner profile to build a culture that aligns with their mission to provide challenging curricula with high expectations for learning that develop productive citizens who solve problems and contribute to a global society.

INTERNATIONAL-MINDEDNESS



An IB education creates opportunities that help students increase their understanding of language and culture, and become more globally engaged. International-mindedness encourages students to reflect on their own perspective, culture and identity, as well as those of others. At Hilton Head Island Middle School, we develop international-mindedness through multilingualism and collaboration across cultures and disciplines.

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THE LEARNER PROFILE

The IB Learner Profile is a set of 10 attributes that places students at the center of an IB education and highlights the importance of developing knowledge and skills which support students' intellectual, social, emotional and physical well-being. The Learner Profile is integrated into our daily conversations with students in the classroom and during non-structured activities. The development of these attributes is important not only to student's school life, but also in their lives outside of school as they help students to become responsible members of local, national and global communities.



What is the role of an IB parent?

The involvement of parents and/or caretakers in the educational journey of their student is important for several reasons:

- **Enhances Academic Performance:** Studies have shown that students with actively involved parents or caretakers are more likely to achieve higher academic results.
- **Promotes Emotional and Social Development:** Parent or caretaker engagement fosters a supportive environment that helps the emotional and social growth of students.
- **Encourages Motivation and Self-esteem:** Active parental or caretaker participation boosts students' motivation and self-esteem, essential for success during middle school.

Effective parental involvement in an IB education can take many forms. Here are some strategies that can be helpful:

- **Stay Informed and Involved:** Regularly communicate with teachers and stay updated on your child's progress via PowerSchool Parent Portal. Attend school meetings, events, and parent-teacher conferences.
- **Support Homework and Projects:** Offer support with homework and projects, ensuring it's a supportive guidance rather than doing the work for them. This encourages independence and problem-solving skills.
- **Encourage Reading and Learning Activities:** Promote a culture of reading and engagement in educational activities outside the school curriculum to foster a love for learning.
- **Model Lifelong Learning:** Demonstrate your own commitment to learning. This sets a positive example for your student to follow.
- **Foster Time Management and Organization:** Help your child develop time management and organizational skills, crucial for navigating middle school and beyond.

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