



## IB Learner Profile: Communicator

The IB Learner profile aims to develop students who are communicators. Students who are communicators understand and express ideas and information confidently and creatively in more than one language and in a variety of modes of communication. They work effectively and willingly in collaboration with others.

A communicator is a student who expresses their ideas in various ways, including drawing, writing, and speaking. In addition, a communicator is someone who actively listens to others and responds to another person in an empathetic and compassionate way.

There are four main types of communication you might use daily, including:

1. **Verbal:** Communicating by way of a spoken language
2. **Nonverbal:** Communicating through body language, facial expressions and tone.
3. **Written:** Communicating with written language, symbols and numbers.
4. **Visual:** Communication by way of photography, art, drawings, sketches, charts, and graphs

How can parents help to develop students who are Communicators at home?

1. Take turns speaking and listening to one another about your daily events.
2. Explore other forms of communication including symbols, signs, and sounds.
3. Read a variety of texts and find connections between the books and your child's life.
4. Discuss the TV programs and videos you watch together.
5. Make books, magazines, and other reading material readily available.
6. Take time to listen to your child when he/she talks with you, by turning off technology and providing undivided attention.
7. Ask questions about what they are saying, ask for explanations.
8. Act out stories, plays, poems, use language in fun creative ways.
9. Sing together.
10. Support other forms of communication via art, dance, music etc.