



IB Learner Profile: Inquirer

The IB Learner Profile aims to develop students who are inquirers. Students who are inquirers nurture their curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research. They know how to learn independently with others. Inquirers learn with enthusiasm and sustain their love of learning throughout life.

University faculties regularly note IB students' passion for discovery.

Inquirers are students who have developed a natural curiosity. They want to know more about the world. They are willing to engage in explorations that will lead to discoveries. They are eager to ask the questions that will help them answer those questions. All children are natural inquirers when they are very young, but traditional school environments sometimes re-programme children to be students who do not seek learning on their own.

Inquirers do more than just ask questions. They also have the skills to seek answers. They may do research. They may read a book, perform a small experiment, or pull something apart until

they have found the answer. They do this because they actively love learning. Their inquiry comes from the natural joy of discovery.

Children who remain inquirers throughout their time in school will go on to become lifelong learners. They have also developed a natural skill that will benefit them their entire life. They make better workers in the workplace and can eventually become leaders.

Class prompts for Inquiry Focused Read-Alouds

- What does it mean to be an inquirer?
- Did [character] have any good inquiry skills you can use?
- How do you know [character] was being an inquirer?
- How did the inquiry process help [character]?
- How do you know the [character] was going through an inquiry process?
- Were any of the [character's] curious? How do you know?
- Describe how a character used their curiosity/inquiry process to solve a mystery. Could they have done anything differently?

You tube link to the book: What do you do with an idea?

<https://youtu.be/0We9zI5J7hQ>

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

1. Visit places that spark inquiry like a museum, park or nature preserve.
2. Explore the areas of your child's interest by visiting the library to borrow books.
3. Develop an understanding of the internet. Work with your child when the internet is being used and try to instill the understanding that some internet sites are not reputable.
4. Model being an inquirer. Ask questions and wonder!
5. Praise your child for asking a question.
6. Have your child jot down their wonders in a journal. Spend time researching these wonders!

You Tube video: Universities React to the IB Learner Profile: Inquirers, Knowledgeable, Thinkers, and Communicators

<https://youtu.be/xXqFWjd1Oms>

