



Soaring Toward Success

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

As you are aware, we are wanting to increase our home-school communication regarding the IB language and ask that you play a role in helping us develop consistency by using the traits of the IB learner profile when speaking to your son/daughter. The Learner Profile strives to build global citizens and life long learners, challenging us all to be the best that we can be in the home and school. As parents, using this language and terminology in the home can be a powerful way of reinforcing these personal attributes.



This week's Learner Profile trait – PRINCIPLED

Students who are PRINCIPLED have a sense of fairness and are honest with themselves and with others. They understand that sometimes there are rules and they follow them. They have an understanding of moral reasoning and personal integrity.

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

- Involve your child in deciding on the rules for a game or activity and then ensure that they stick to the ones that have been decided upon.
- Encourage your child to play games that involve teams. Discuss with your child the qualities of a team player. What sort of person would they want on their team?
- When your child wins a game insist that he or she is a well-mannered winner. They might thank their opponent or shake hands with them if it's appropriate.
- When playing a game, don't change the rules or let your child win. Being a gracious loser is just as important as being a good winner.
- Discuss the importance of integrity and taking responsibility when they make poor choices
- Use the learner profile language when discussing home rules.

Please have a conversation about the attribute of being principled with your child(ren). Discuss what being principled looks like in a variety of settings (at home, school, clubs, sports teams, as a guest at another's home etc). Please help your child(ren) come up with a scenario in each of those settings that are reflective of their day and think of examples where being principled is important to both themselves and others in order for everyone to be successful and feel valued. **While we are not asking families to submit formal feedback to the school, we are hoping that you can have this discussion at home to help prepare your child(ren) for follow up discussions in the classroom.**

For more information on the Learner Profile, please check our school website at:

<http://eb.deltasd.bc.ca/ib/learner-profile>

Best Regards,
EB STAFF

