



What is INTERNATIONAL-MINDEDNESS?

One of the most important principles underlying an IB education is “**international-mindedness**.”

IB has defined **international-mindedness** as “an openness to and curiosity about the world and people of other cultures, and a striving towards a profound level of understanding of the complexity and diversity of human interactions.”

A simpler and more concise explanation can be - exploring multiple perspectives of global issues. Can we hear another point of view with an open mind? Also, children can understand the importance and sometimes difficulty in listening to the other side of an argument or an issue.

International-mindedness extends beyond geography – while honoring heritage and countries of origin, we focus on human interactions rather than national boundaries.

Teaching international-mindedness to our Mark Twain students, we engage the head, the heart and the hands – we access and understand *knowledge*, apply our *values* and implement with *skill*.

Please be in touch with any questions!

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