



Attributes of a Gulf Islands Secondary School Learner

As the desired results of our school, the Attributes guide all that we do at Gulf Islands Secondary. Our shared commitment is that every student will demonstrate the following understandings, skills, and knowledge.

Intellectual Development	<i>Every student will:</i>
Essential Knowledge and Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop broad understanding and skills across disciplines • Develop strong literacy and numeracy skills
Thinking Critically, Creatively and Collaboratively	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek out, analyze, and evaluate information and arguments, ask questions, synthesize, identify and consider biases, problem solve and make informed decisions • Experiment and pursue new ideas, and apply learning in creative ways • Meaningfully develop knowledge and skills through collaboration with peers, staff, and experts in the community and beyond
Deeper Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is meaningful and engaging learning that occurs at the intersection of identity, mastery and creativity, and includes a sense of connection, and is both about <i>learning outcomes</i> and <i>learning experiences</i>. Deeper learning, when committed to as a school-wide approach for each student, is also an equity strategy.

Personal and Social Development	<i>Every student will:</i>
Inclusion, Equity and Diversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Value and advocate for inclusion, equity, and diversity • Act ethically through informed decision-making for a just society
Self-Awareness and Self-Regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand their personal and cultural identity, their strengths and challenges and their core values • Monitor and manage their energy, emotions, thoughts, and behaviors for learning
Health and Wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice physical, mental, and emotional self-care • Use healthy strategies to manage stress
Relationships, Connections and Contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show empathy, kindness, and compassion • Connect with peers and staff, and contribute to the safety, belonging and joy of the learning community
Environmental Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Value and advocate for environmental sustainability • Act ethically through informed decision-making for present and future generations

Career and Life Development	<i>Every student will:</i>
Personal Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design and monitor progress towards personal learning goals, request and receive feedback, reflect, and adjust to improve progress • Show a sense of pride and confidence in themselves
Career Preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively pursue and develop knowledge and skills toward careers in areas of passion and interest
Habits for Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have strong organizational skills, time management, and quality task completion or performance execution skills • Persevere, take responsibility, and be reliable
Lifelong Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate qualities of curiosity, interest, and engagement that will guide them as learners in all aspects of their lives in the present and in the future