

IB LEARNER PROFILE **AND** THE IIM RESEARCH MODEL

The Independent Investigation Method is a K-12 teaching model that guides students through the research process using a continuum of skills from novice to highly proficient. It has international appeal because it can be adapted to fit any curriculum.

- **Inquirers: Research is an inquiry process** that by its very nature process develops curiosity, life-long skills, independence, passion, and joy.
- **Knowledgeable: Researching** in-depth topics **creates knowledge** in all areas of learning.
- **Thinkers: Research is composed** of a vast array of **higher-level thinking skills** and offers many opportunities to engage in creative thinking.
- **Communicators: Researchers learn to communicate** as they access information, collaborate during the process, and share their findings with others in a variety of modalities.
- **Principled: Researchers use ethical ways** to access, cite, and use source materials.
- **Open-minded:** Researchers “seek and evaluate a range of points of view and are willing to grow from the experience”. Since **research involves open-ended questions and thinking**, the information gathered leads to new insights.
- **Caring: Research studies involve working respectfully with others** and can lead to findings and action “that will make a positive difference to the lives of others and the environment”.
- **Risk-Takers: Research takes students into new areas**, encourages independent thinking and learning, and gives them opportunities to share and defend their findings.
- **Balanced: Research leads to balanced learning** by encouraging choice of topic, different types of resources, and appropriate authentic products and presentation formats.
- **Reflective: Research includes** ample **opportunities to reflect** on strengths and limitations of the process used as well as the findings.