

### COLLABORATIVE LEARNING COMMUNITY

**Individualized** Students generate Individualized Learning Plans(ILP) based on:

- individual interests
- learning style
- short & long-term goals
- utilization of strengths to develop weaknesses

**Connections outside of school**

- service learning component
- community-based projects
- community members serve as experts/mentors
- community members and parents provide opportunities to be involved in learning and decision making opportunities

**Advisories**

- Multi-age advisories
- Structure allows for the development of strong relationships among advisor, students & parents

### INTEGRATED CURRICULUM & PROJECT BASED LEARNING

**Focused on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Skills**

- Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving
- Communication and Collaboration
- Adaptability
- Creativity and Innovation
- Information & Technology Literacy
- Digital Citizenship and Responsibility
- Learner as a Leader

**Relevant Learning**

- Process emphasized over product
- Students have choice in how they show what they know
- Aligned with the Common Core Standards

**Authentic Assessment**

- Performance rubrics used to assess both content and skill
- Continuous improvement emphasized

### STUDENT AS LEARNER

**Students empowered by voice and choice respond by:**

- being coachable
- effectively communicating their ideas, concerns, & solutions
- practicing respect for self, others, and their community
- taking ownership of their successes and failures
- sharing their skills and talents for the betterment of the community

**Students involved in numerous rich learning opportunities:**

- collaborative group projects
- individual projects
- teacher led seminars
- community based learning opportunities
- collaborative projects beyond the walls of school
- exploratory classes
- extracurricular activities

### TEACHER AS ADVISOR

**Teachers as Advisors commit to:**

- creating and sustaining a positive learning culture
- modeling responsibility, self-reflection, & lifelong learning
- viewing students holistically as reflected in their support of Individualized Learning Plans
- facilitating mastery of the project process
- providing flexible, innovative learning opportunities

**Advisors share additional responsibilities:**

- continuous evaluation and improvement of practice and program in a professional risk tolerant fashion
- collaborate in autonomous/self-governing setting reporting to a Governance Council
- maintain and report accountability measures related to student and program performance and fiscal measures
- engaging parents and community members through numerous capacities