Curriculum Design
9-12

IA CO-CREATING CURRICULUM PATHS WITH STUDENTS!

An Education System where students make conscious choices that will effect positive change in their lives and the lives of others.

School Mission & Culture	
Mission	To increase the capacity for human greatness!
4 Elements of Greatness	IAA's 4 elements of greatness at IAA are: * Expert Learner *Leadership *Person of Character *Service
Culture at IAA	The school environment is one where our students' comments are acknowledged, where their cultural and other differences are embraced and accepted, where their opinions are encouraged and where they feel valued and safe.
Life-Time-Space	Lifelong Learning and flexible time and space dominate the landscape of IAA's educational model.

Student Engagement	
PLP Meetings	Students meet with their facilitator to co-design their Personalized Learning Plan.
Investigative/Collaborative Process Learning	Students have ownership of their own learning. It starts with exploration and questioning and leads to investigation into a worthy question, issue, problem or idea.
Learning Support Services	Support services are tailored to meet a wide variety of student needs.
Culture of Belonging	IAA provides a culture of belonging by creating opportunities for students to be active members of their family, their school, their community and the world.
Student Voice	IAA listens to what students say about their school experiences, about their interests and desires for learning, and about what they do and how they learn outside formal school.

Research-Based Education	
Core Curriculum	The AFIA Core Curriculum includes the state required course work and assessments for each grade level including the core subjects in math, science, social studies and English/Language A
College Ready	"Jump Start" your college experiences with the many choices available at IAA from preparing to be college ready to taking classes at the local universities.
Industry Certificates/Licenses	Enrolling in a professional **certification program** is a choice available to students at IAA.
Choice Curriculum	The school will offer an expansive list of "specials" based on student interest (e.g. foreign languages, coding and media design). Students will also be able to design a personalized Choice Curriculum based on their interests and passions (like dance, art and music).
Exposure Curriculum	At AFIA, we believe that well rounded students are exposed to a variety of experiences. With parents and students working together with staff, we will develop a broad range of events, presentations and experiences for our students.

Innovation Skills	
Experiential Learning	Experiences will allow students to learn through "doing". Activities will include field trips, visits to wildlife conservation centers and museums, etc.
Innovation Challenge Tank	All students will be invited to share ideas and win prizes.
Global Academy	Students will be challenged to research and develop their own inventions to solve an environmental problem from reducing pollution to other concerns impacting the environment

Networks, Partnerships & Real-Life Learning	
Mentorships/Internships	Programs will be available for students to experience on-the-job-training.
Business/Universities/ Health Care Systems	Working with local professionals, students will enjoy deeper learning through applying their knowledge to solve problems with real-world businesses.

Community Engagement	
Service Learning	Students will use what they learn to solve real-world problems through service-learning projects. They will become active contributing citizens and community members through the servi that they perform.
Community Give-Back Volunteer Projects	IAA students will have opportunities to change lives in the community through their volunteer efforts.

Life & Career Skills	
Entrepreneurship	Students will learn to spot opportunities and become innovators through networking and working as small business incubators to launch new endeavors.
Real-Life Learning	The learning environment is similar to real-world applications or disciplines such as building a house, flying an airplane, setting a budget or solving a crime.
Future Leader's Program	Content will be put into context as students visit many career professionals and are able to attend presentations and seminars with business leaders in the field.