

# Foundational Statements

## Vision Statement

FIA strives to be a caring, learning community which nurtures students to fulfill their God-given potential.

## Purpose Statement

FIA exists primarily to support families in Christian ministry by providing a quality international, Christian education.

## Philosophy of Education

We believe that each individual, being created in the image of God, is of supreme worth. We believe that the dignity and worth of the individual should be respected. We believe that students vary as to inherent and acquired capabilities and that these differences must be taken into consideration in the education process:

- To encourage each student to put his/her trust in Christ, and to grow toward fullness and maturity in Him as stated in the Scriptures.
- To provide opportunities for citizenship training and character development for effective participation in the family and society.
- To include those experiences and activities for each pupil which will lead to the enrichment of his own life, through his spiritual, moral, social, intellectual, physical and aesthetic development.
- To assist students in understanding the changing conditions in the world from a Christian viewpoint, and to prepare them to think through their obligations as Christians in new situations.
- To provide students with opportunities for direct involvement in the life and ministry of the body of Christ.

## Core Values

### Spiritual

- fulfilling the great commission by:
- partnering with families in ministry in the education of their children
- evangelizing, educating and equipping/discipling students
- cultivating an environment of knowing Christ and making him known

### Community

- fostering caring relationships within the diverse community of students, staff and parents of FIA.
- demonstrating a mindset of social responsibility and service to the wider community.
- being culturally sensitive and respectful to those inside and outside FIA.

- cooperating with like-minded organizations.

#### Educational

- developing our students' differing intelligences and gifts within the learning Community
- meeting the diverse academic needs of our students including the transition to their passport countries
- providing a quality, Christian education where students and staff continually grow in faith, knowledge, skills and abilities to serve at FIA and beyond.

#### Financial

- operating with financial health, integrity, accountability and stewardship.
- offering an affordable, Christian, TCK education.
- attracting and maintaining a dedicated, supported missionary faculty.
- utilizing local businesses to provide quality services and products which are available at a reasonable value.

### **FIA End Results**

FIA students, administration, staff, and the board of trustees will be:

#### Creative and Critical Thinkers

- who search for and integrate God's truth in all aspects of life and learning
- who solve complex problems
- who analyze, interpret, evaluate, and synthesize information

#### Self-directed Learners

- who pursue truth through studying the Bible
- who understand and apply a body of knowledge and skills
- who demonstrate intellectual curiosity
- who access information as a tool for lifelong learning

#### Proficient Collaborators

- who work and learn cooperatively with others
- who show respect for commonalities and differences in such areas as cultures and points of view

#### Skillful Communicators

- who interact with information and ideas through listening, speaking, reading, writing, using technology and symbolic representation (pictorial, graphic, musical, etc.)
- who learn and convey Biblical concepts and truths

#### Faithful Stewards

- who understand the need for discipline and balance in all areas of life
- who contribute their time and talents to serve their families, communities, and all nations
- who take care of the resources God has entrusted to them