

Facilitated by a consortium of like-minded international schools, the Global Citizen Diploma (GCD) provides a framework for students to actively take small steps leading to a better future. Through intentional reflection, students develop a deeper understanding of who they are and what they value by capturing their individual stories and celebrating their growth. By identifying their passions, each student who earns the GCD becomes more inclined to act in an ethical and responsible way as a global citizen.

By completing the GCD, students can earn a high school credential that recognises the many ways in which they are growing into global citizens.

Global Citizen [glo-bal ci-ti-zen]: (noun)

A person who conducts their daily life with a commitment to understanding others; who makes decisions with an awareness of how they affect communities locally and globally; and who advocates and holds themselves accountable for social and environmental sustainability.



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The Global Citizen Diploma was established in 2011 with the first graduates in 2013. The member schools are:

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INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL
MUSCAT, OMAN

ACS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL HILLINGDON, UK AMERICAN SCHOOL OF ANTANANARIVO, MADAGASCAR ESCOLA CONCEPT, BRAZIL

HONG KONG ACADEMY, SAR, CHINA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF UGANDA KAMPALA, UGANDA KAMBALA, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA LE JARDIN ACADEMY, HAWAII, NANJING INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL CHINA NIST INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, THAILAND YOKOHAMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, JAPAN

GCD ELEMENTS

The core values of global citizenship reflect an understanding of others, awareness, action & advocacy.

COMPETENCIES -

In addition to core values, each student has an individual combination of competencies that shape what they contribute to the world.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE -

Sometimes students transcend their roles as students and participate in the world as adults with paraprofessional expertise.



ACADEMICS

Achieve a level of education that makes it possible to hold informed opinions.

Certificates can be earned prior to high school graduation. Diplomas are earned upon graduation.



ACADEMIC SKILLS

Develop proficiency in interdisciplinary academic skills such as research, reflection, transfer, organization, collaboration & inquiry.

Nurture the habits of creative

exploration & communication

engagement with the arts



PUBLIC

COMMUNICATION

Engage an audience & communicate effectively, ethically, & publicly on issues of personal interest or passion.



ADVANCED ACADEMICS

Engage & perform at the highest academic level in one subject/across disciplines/in a specific academic skill.



COMMUNITY **ENGAGEMENT**

Make a consistent, sustained commitment to serving & developing connections with others.



WELLNESS

Learn how to maintain their own physical, social, mental / emotional, & spiritual health.



LEADERSHIP

Fulfill their vision through the effective leadership of people & management of resources.



GLOBAL UNDERSTANDING

Seek personal understanding of the interaction of power or privilege & economics, ethics, politics, religion, environment between countries / cultures.



MANAGEMENT

ARTISTIC

EXPRESSION

through sustained

Take responsibility for managing resources such as space, money, & time, towards the completion of a goal.



WILDERNESS ENGAGEMENT

Assess risk, & develop a skill or understanding through interaction with nature.



MULTILINGUALISM

Function at native or fluent proficiency in at least two skills of reading, writing & speaking, in at least two different languages.



INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION

Commit to connecting with and understanding others across linguistic & cultural barriers.



PERSONAL GOAL

Set an ambitious goal, & plan systematically, act, reflect and adapt in the pursuit of it.



WORK EXPERIENCE

Provide work of practical value and develop a range of skills in a professional setting



PERSONAL ACCOMPLISHMENT

Achieve & be recognized at the highest or paraprofessional levels, on a par with adults.

LEVELS OF RECOGNITION



CERTIFICATE

- Signifies a commitment to the values of global citizenship.
- Core Values + at least 1 other element.
- Students are eligible to earn the Certificate prior to graduating.

DIPLOMA

- Core Values + any 6 elements
- Demonstrates learning in each of the Core Values including meeting academic requirements for graduation.

DIPLOMA WITH DISTINCTION

- Core Values + 9 elements including 3 Areas of Expertise.
- Signifies achievement above the expectations for high school.