Bringing the Dimensions of Honors Learning to Life

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Acceleration Model?

Surviving or Thriving?

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The 6 Dimensions of Honors Learning

“6 x 6”

are woven throughout the 6 Honors Learning Experiences.

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Dimensions of Honors Learning

- Critical Thinking
- Interdisciplinary Learning
- Information Fluency
- Creative Productivity
- Leadership Development
- Intercultural Competence

Equipped to Succeed - Marketable Skills

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Exceptional Learning Experiences

Customization through Choices

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Go beyond your initial understanding to evaluate and make your own conclusions about what you are learning.
INTERDISCIPLINARY LEARNING

Discover how what you are learning relates to other fields and the world around you.
Gain skills in evaluating, creating, and utilizing information and technology across various formats and platforms.
Show your understanding by creating something unique. Go outside the box to make your ideas a reality.
Identify and enhance your leadership skills by working with others to make a difference.
Understand how culture and context influence people’s worldviews and learn how to collaborate with people across diverse groups.
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Students Connecting the Dimensions

“I used leadership development to lead my group and divide the workload for the project we created. I made sure everyone was doing their work and that the amount of work put in by each of my group members was equal.”

“We used information fluency to analyze different types of media during every class meeting. I loved being able to use different types of technology and text to further my learning.”
“Throughout my project, I used interdisciplinary learning to understand the multiple dimensions of the Venezuelan Economic Crisis. Specifically, I focused on the role of various social sciences while analyzing the core of their financial catastrophe. In my project, I emphasize culture, politics, history, and geography as key components of the problem at hand.”

“We connected how topics such as unwed motherhood, birth control, and sex education have changed over time and critically analyzed the stigma surrounding those topics.”
Exceptional Learning Experiences

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Claire Brown
Honors Contract - Lab Report
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From left to right: Control, Dairy-Free, and Gluten-Free

Egg-Free
From left to right: Egg-Free, Gluten-Free, Dairy-Free, and Control

Highland Park

name
Highland Park

description
We had left the downtown area, so I expected to see more nature as I had in the other suburbs, which I did. However, one thing that surprised me was how well maintained the greenery was. The trees and grass are right next to the train tracks, yet the town has put effort into making the nature look clean. There are houses on the other side of the street, but I had thought that the road would act as a sort of mental barrier that would cause the town to simply ignore the nature right next to the train tracks as others had done. Yet, this strip of land looks better than the main landscaping in the northernmost suburbs like Waukegan.
Connecting the Dimensions of Honors Learning

Case Studies

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HONORS REDEFINED