

VCS INQUIRY PROGRAM

In our Inquiry Programs:

We provide enriched learning experiences and higher learning standards for all children through three goals:

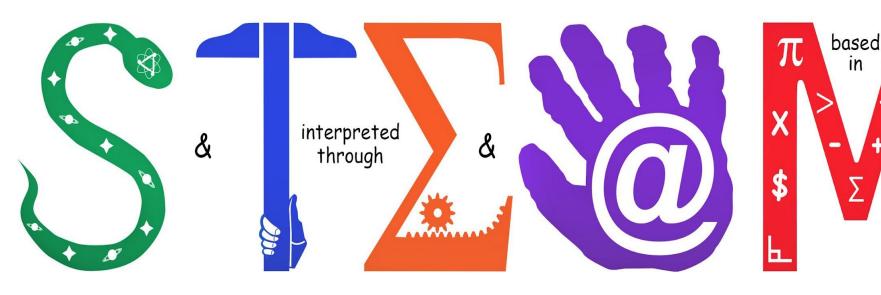
- 1. Developing talents and potentials in all children;
- 2. Providing a broad range of enrichment experiences for all students;
- 3. Providing individual learning opportunities for young people based on their strengths and interests.

We believe and value that the Inquiry teacher is a collaborative resource and coach to teachers, parents and students. Inquiry teachers remain flexible and adjust to the changing needs of the classroom environment.

VCS 1-8 INQUIRY GOALS

The following goals shape our Inquiry offerings:

- Inquiry offerings are called "Explorations" and are designed to develop creative and critical thinkers.
- Explorations will provide various types of STEAM enrichment opportunities for students while maintaining flexibility in programming.
- Students who engage in Explorations generally demonstrate above-average ability, task commitment and creativity.
- Explorations will be offered through a push-in and/or pull out model.
- Explorations will be designed to be flexible and supportive to teachers' individual classroom needs.



Science

the natural universe, where everything comes from

Technology

tools & innovative devices, uses & enhanced abilities

Engineering

purposeful innovation, creation & analysis

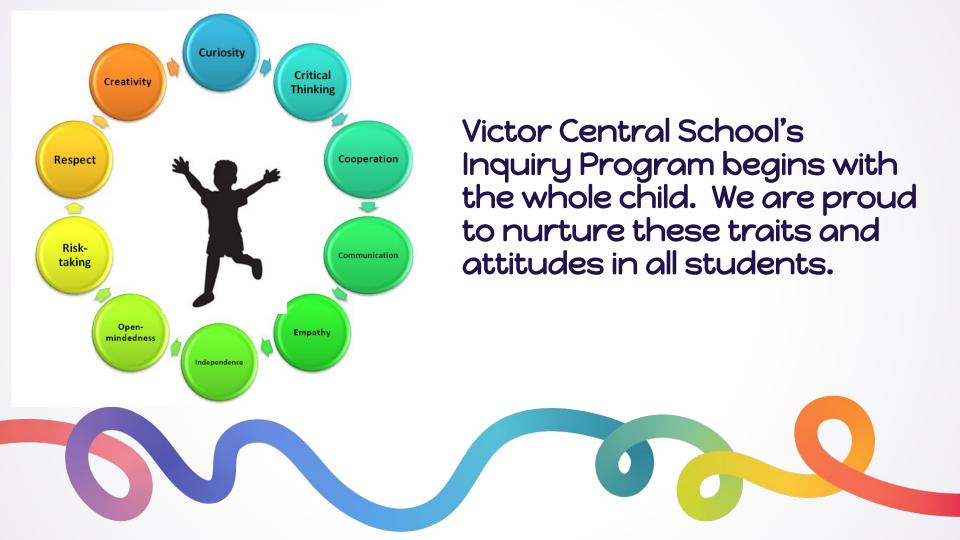
Arts

humanities, ethics, ideals & expression

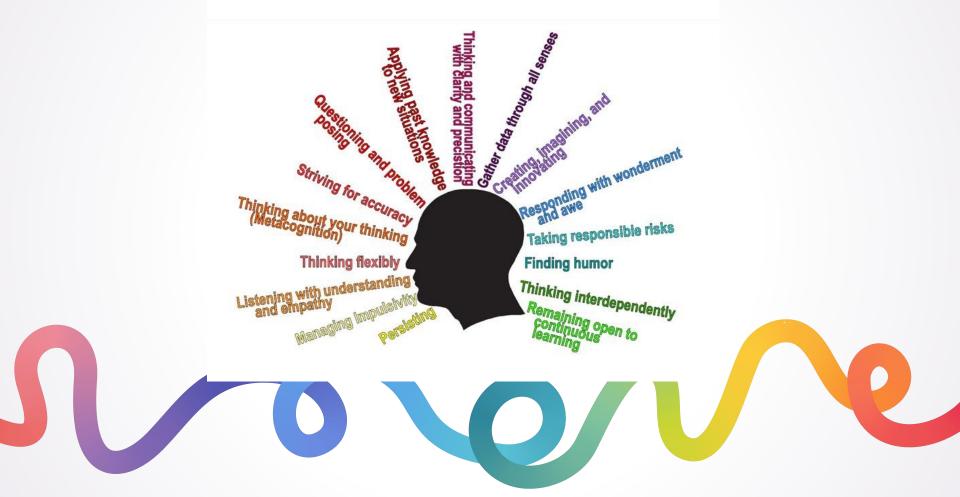
Mathematics

fact organizing base language

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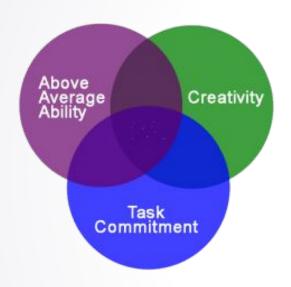


16 Habits of Mind





Renzulli Model



For each exploration there is specific criteria but overall, we want students to be:

- **★** INTERESTED
- **★** COMMITTED
- ★ CREATIVE
- **★** PROBLEM SOLVERS
- **★** COLLABORATIVE

Classroom teachers select students based on the criteria and the student's schedule.

"Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow."

~Ralph Waldo Emerson





Fall 2022 Explorations for Grades 1-3

1st Grade

★ Storybooks and STEAM

2nd Grade

- ★ American Sign Language
- ★ Bee Bot Coding

3rd Grade

- ★ Owl Pellet Dissection
- ★ 24 Math Game

Engineering exploration collaboration with Ms. Linse the VPS Librarian.



Focus will be on:

- ★ Math/Logic
- ★ Reading/Literacy
- ★ Multidisciplinary
- ★ Thinking Skills
- ★ STEAM Projects

VIS FALL EXPLORATIONS (PULL-OUT)



- Stock Market Game~5th
- FLL Robotics~ 5th
- Book Club ~ 5th/6th
- Mosaic Boxes ~ 4/5/6 (Art)
- Ancient Math ~ 4th
- Word Wizards ~4th
- Creative Writing ~ 6th
- Fun with Foods ~6th

Push-in lessons for math problem solving & STEM per teacher request.

2022-2023 INQUIRY OPPORTUNITIES AT THE JRHS

- Over 20 Co-Curricular Clubs and Activities for students to engage with, beyond Music, Performing Arts, Robotics and Athletics.
- 3 current enrichment courses available for students to participate in (depending on schedule/availability): *French Culture, Fitness & Nutrition, Culinary.* Science Explorations & History of Film may be offered later in the year, depending on student interest.



Questions?



