When learners engage in collaboration, they:

- Participate in teams; establish positive relationships
- Learn from, and contribute to, the learning of others
- Co-construct knowledge, meaning, and content
- Assume various roles on the team
- Manage conflict
- Network with a variety of communities/groups
- Respect a diversity of perspectives


Why is it important?

In our diverse society which values equity and inclusion and requires shared expertise to most effectively solve problems, collaboration helps students learn how to develop relationships with others and gain a deeper appreciation for, and understanding of, differing perspectives and abilities.

The Student Experience

- Practices respectfully disagreeing, compromising or negotiating in the spirit of cooperation
- Fosters collaboration through shared leadership, responsibility and ownership
- Listens with care and patience to understand others’ interests and perspectives
- Works effectively with others, using classmates, staff and community members as resources

The Teacher Experience

- Emphasizes collaboration over solitary learning experiences
- Values flexibility, compromise, and the contributions of others to nurture positive relationships with staff and students
- Creates opportunities for students to connect with learners and experts both in the school and in the local and global community
- Creates some tasks in each course that can only be successfully completed through purposeful collaboration with others
- Uses a variety of grouping strategies that maximize student learning and build on students’ strengths, allowing at times for student choice in the groupings created