

Teaching and Learning at Friends School

SKILLS

Friends School cultivates in its students the **skills** they will need to lead meaningful and productive lives.

COMMUNICATION

Friends students develop effective **written expression** as well as **public speaking and presentation** skills, learning to convey their ideas with power and passion while actively listening to others.

COLLABORATION

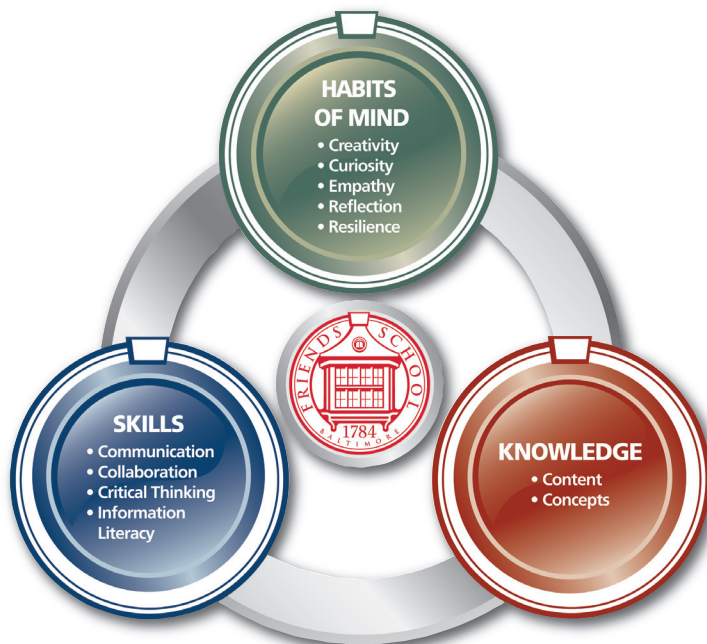
Teamwork and **cooperation** are fundamental elements of the learning experience at Friends. We hold adults and students alike accountable for both their individual work and the contributions they make to their various groups and teams.

CRITICAL THINKING

We view learning as a process of **investigation**. Students approach situations **analytically**, applying their knowledge to new situations. We nurture students' **problem-solving** skills and their inclination to take intellectual risks, challenge conventional thinking and develop unique ideas.

INFORMATION LITERACY

At Friends, students become discerning consumers and producers of information, gaining **research** skills, honing their ability to access and evaluate information and learning to use **technology** ethically.



KNOWLEDGE

Knowledge of content and concepts is the indispensable foundation of a world-class education and a powerful vehicle for nurturing skills and habits of mind.

CONTENT

Our students develop mastery of important **terminology**, facility with pertinent **algorithms** and awareness of essential **facts**, gaining understanding of the relevance of their knowledge and how they can use it in their lives.

CONCEPTS

Studying topics within rich intellectual frameworks, and making **meaning** of knowledge through **application** to novel situations, Friends students become adept at creating **connections**.

HABITS OF MIND

At Friends, we nurture **habits of mind** that promote awareness of both individual strengths and the need for contributions to the greater whole.

CREATIVITY

Through the creative process, students draw upon their **imaginings** and develop the **adaptability** that is increasingly needed in our world.

CURIOSITY

Curiosity is the motivating **inquisitiveness** that propels one to seize **initiative** and strive. Friends students challenge, discover and invent every day.

EMPATHY

In today's world, the **cultural competency** needed to understand and honor other people and cultures is critical. We nurture in students **compassion** toward others and **humility** about their place in the world.

REFLECTION

Regular reflection develops **self-knowledge** and inspires regular questioning. Through contemplation, we deepen understanding and foster an **inclination to learn from mistakes**, making every experience an opportunity for growth.

RESILIENCE

Having developed confidence and composure, students learn to persevere, demonstrating the willingness to **embrace challenge** and **work through frustration**.

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