INSTITUTIONAL PURPOSE STATEMENT

Intersession is an opportunity:
• to address a burning question, interest, or idea.
• for students to explore concepts in different ways and relationships.
• for non-teaching staff to engage with students in these activities.
• for intensive study, with limited distractions of other classes learning.
• to connect to previous and future learning experiences such as classes, or inquiry.

IMSA INTERSESSION PRINCIPLES

Principles - By principles we mean: groundings...core values...core competencies: innovative teaching, research and service...mission and objectives

We value:
• Community-building by involving many staff, all students, parents and/or partners
• Advancing integrative ways of knowing; active student engagement; L.E.D.s and constructivist learning activities; focus on one or more SSLs with identified outcomes
• Connecting adults and students in innovative ways
• Opportunities to use the laboratory setting in creative, unique ways, pilot test new ideas for the future (innovative teaching, research and service)
• Opportunities to learn for individual students and staff as well as the community
• Self-reflection and sharing (adults and students)
• Flexibility in designing options, open to many possibilities
• Being responsible/accountable for the health, safety and well-being of all students and staff
• Participatory decision-making