

INSTITUTIONAL PURPOSE STATEMENT

Interession 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**