

NIS MS/US Core Instructional Practices SY 2017-2018

The purpose of this document is to clarify the practices that are expected in every MS/US classroom. It is designed to answer the commonly-asked question of "What do I have to do?" This is a *starting point* to excellent practice and should not limit your creativity in building on this base.

If you are new to the school, the first people to ask for clarification about these practices are your subject-area teammates. If you are an experienced NIS teacher, please be proactive in assisting our new colleagues to become familiar with the practices and systems at NIS. Whether returning or new, please also see the Heads of Middle School and/or Upper School at any time.

Unit Planning

-Collaboration with support specialists (LSS, English B teachers, Technology Integrators, Counselors) in the planning, instructional, and assessment process is expected and based upon the needs of students in the classroom.

-The Middle Years Programme is a concept-based approach to teaching and learning. Units are planned first from Key Concepts, Student Learning Outcomes (SLO's), and Subject Group Objectives in standard *UbD* fashion.

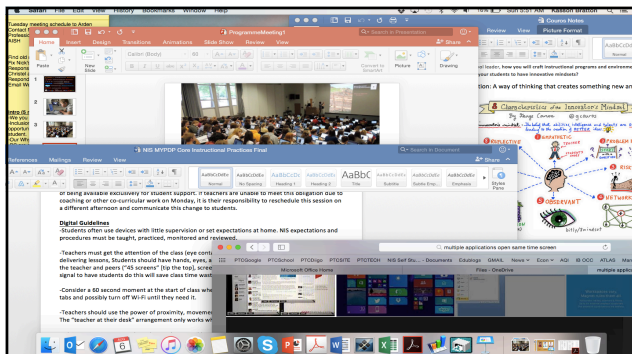
-The Diploma Programme courses have a prescribed syllabus, curricular aims, and objectives which outline how students develop their conceptual understanding. Units in the DP are driven by inquiry



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Greet Others	 or 
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Walk Tech-Free	  
走路时不用电子产品	
Use Respectful Language	
礼貌用语	

MS/US Weekly Meetings			
Week	Monday 3.15-4.15pm	Tuesday 2.45 – 3.30pm	Tuesday 3.30 – 4.15pm
1		INSET	
2	Office Hours / HW Club	Advisor Session	Insurance
3	Office Hours / HW Club	Tell us about your child – parent led conferences	
4	Office Hours / HW Club	Department Roundtables	Whole School
5	Office Hours / HW Club	IDU Meetings	Strategy Project 3 Launch
6	Office Hours / HW Club	Department Roundtables	Strategy Prototypes
7	FCD (optional)	Accreditation	SSC
8	Office Hours / HW Club	Accreditation	
9		INSET	
10	Office Hours / HW Club	Department Roundtables	Strategy Prototypes
11		Discover China	
12	Office Hours / HW Club	Department Roundtables	Whole School
13	Office Hours / HW Club	IDU Meetings	Strategy Prototypes
14	Office Hours / HW Club	Department Roundtables	SSC
15	Office Hours / HW Club	Personal Project Meeting	Strategy Prototypes
16	Office Hours / HW Club	Department Roundtables	All MS/US Meeting
17	Office Hours / HW Club	Advisor Session	Whole School
18	Office Hours / HW Club	No meeting-Exams	SSC
19	Office Hours / HW Club	Report proofing	



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Digital Disruption [Digital Image]. Source: Mikson, John, PTC 2017

“The future belongs to those who see possibilities before they become obvious.”

- John Sculley



Epic Fail: How Blockbuster Could Have Owned Netflix

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Blockbuster chiefs lacked the vision to see how the industry was shifting under the video rental chain's feet
Source: variety.com

One of the few remaining Blockbusters in the US is closing – take a look inside

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Fewer than a dozen Blockbuster Video stores still exist in the US, and one of them is closing.

The Blockbuster location in Eagle River, Alaska, is going out of business, workers told The Alaska Star on Wednesday.

At its peak in the early 1990s, Blockbuster had about 9,000 stores. The Washington Post reported: Most of the remaining Blockbusters are in Alaska, where frigid, long winters and expensive, slow Wi-Fi help keep the video-rental store in business.

Even in Alaska, however, the chain can't live on forever.



Source: businessinsider.com

Blockbuster Museum Link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Tr>

"A way of thinking that
creates something new
and better."

-G. Couros





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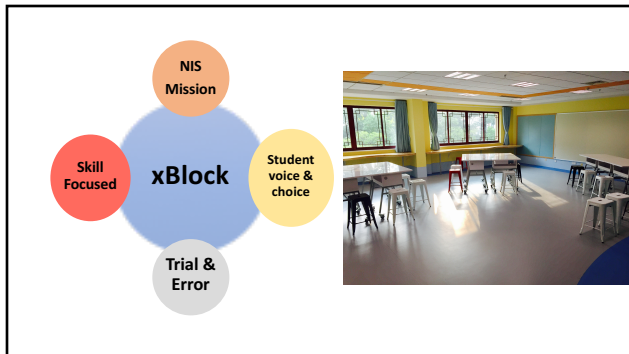
Top 10 In-Demand Skills

Complex Problem-Solving	Cognitive Flexibility
Critical Thinking	Negotiation
Creativity	Service Orientation
Emotional Intelligence	Coordinating with Others
Management	Judgement

Source: [Future of Jobs Report, World Economic Forum, 2016](#)

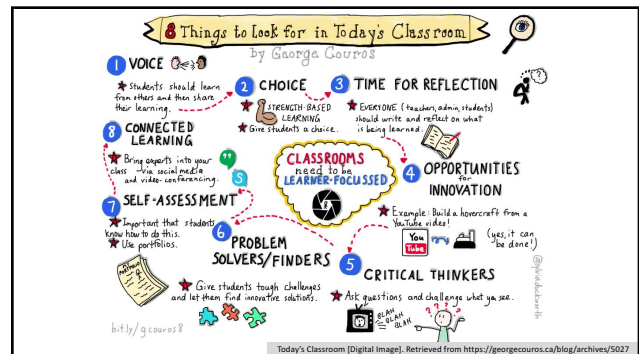
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**“Change almost never fails
because it’s too early...
...It almost always fails
because it’s too late.”**

–Seth Godin



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Before you leave for lunch:

Please determine where you will meet for our after-lunch Department Check-in's.

...To-do list is in your inbox