



HIGH SCHOOL ELECTIVE HUMAN EXPERIENCE & CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES

We are excited about a new addition to our Mariemont High School elective experience! Beginning next school year, 9th through 12th grade students will be able to choose to participate in a semester-long course examining and developing their cultural intelligence. The course will be titled Human Experience & Cultural Perspectives.

WHAT IS CULTURAL INTELLIGENCE?

Cultural Intelligence or CQ is an individual's capability to relate and work effectively in culturally diverse situations. It is rooted in rigorous, academic research conducted by scholars around the world. Leading organizations in business, education, government and healthcare are adopting Cultural Intelligence as a key component of personnel development and competitive advantage.

For the past year, the district has done work with the research and resources of [Dr. David Livermore](#), global thinker and author. His work on the identification and development of cultural intelligence (CQ) is known around the world. Dr. Livermore's four capabilities of cultural intelligence (Drive, Knowledge, Strategy, Action) will be a guiding aspect of this course.

WHY OFFER AN ELECTIVE AROUND CULTURAL INTELLIGENCE?

As outlined in *Destination 2026*, the Mariemont City School District's strategic plan, part of our instructional vision is for students to be **global learners** and **deeply committed members of the community and world**. Additionally, one of our district objectives is to **enhance learning through diverse curricular options and enriching experiences that drive deeper understanding and skill development and support global competency**.

To do this, we recognize the need to be intentional and purposeful to ensure our students develop and practice self-awareness, global competency and the skills to communicate effectively and collaborate with peers around the world. We also want to equip our high school students with the skills to be compassionate leaders in society. This course will help to foster the development and growth of our high school students in those areas.

WHAT WILL THE CULTURAL INTELLIGENCE COURSE BE?



Opportunities for students to learn and grow their cultural intelligence through exploration of various cultural/global topics and current events



Activities to spark students' own curiosity, understanding and awareness of themselves and the world around them



Lessons designed to help students develop skills to understand and empathize with other perspectives and cultures



Support for students in the utilization of knowledge and interpersonal skills to build positive relationships and effectively communicate their perspectives

WHAT WILL THE CULTURAL INTELLIGENCE COURSE NOT BE?



Conveying any particular set of beliefs, ideologies or opinions about global, societal and/or cultural issues as the correct way to think



Condemning or shaming in nature about any beliefs or opinions

WHAT TYPES OF TOPICS AND LESSONS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE AND CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES COURSE?



Lessons will be structured to provoke inquiry, discussion and understanding around themes such as community, identity, empathy, citizenship, power and justice.



Using reflection, discussion, reading and written expression in various forms, students will be supported in their learning and discovery of their own self-awareness and human perspective and begin to build their capacity for cultural intelligence.

WHY OFFER TO 9TH THROUGH 12TH GRADERS?

High school is essentially the last stop before students venture out into the world outside of Mariemont and Cincinnati. Students in high school are becoming increasingly more aware of themselves, their community and their world. They are connected to, and can engage with, people, places and events all over the world through social media. High school students are very interested in developing their voices and determining how they can impact the world. Building on all of the kindness and respect learning in our elementary schools and the courage and responsibility learning in our junior high school, this course is a perfect next step toward becoming a culturally intelligent member of the world.

WHAT IF I WANT MORE INFORMATION OR HAVE QUESTIONS?

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