

Habits of Mind

a DISCIPLINED mind, that can steadily improve, manage new methods of thinking, be flexible, yet become an expert in something;

a SYNTHESIZING mind, that can sift through large amounts of information, decide what is important, put it together in ways that make sense, and clearly communicate these findings to others;

a CREATIVE mind, that can raise new questions, come up with novel solutions, take risks, develop a robust attitude, ask how can I do it better, and think outside of the box;

a RESPECTFUL mind, that honors the differences between individuals and groups, tries to understand them, and work productively with them;

an ETHICAL mind, that thinks, beyond selfish interests, about the kind of worker one aspires to be, and the kind of citizen that one should be.

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