The freedom of education: an example

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Rijnlands Lyceum foundation

The parent organization and the governing body of seven schools:

- four secondary schools
- three primary schools

Total number of 5000 pupils
Located in The Hague and Leiden area
Shared values

One of the main features of all our schools is the international outlook and our ambition to educate global citizens.
First Nederlands Montessori School
Rijnlands Lyceum Wassenaar
Rijnlands Lyceum Sassenheim
International School of The Hague
Eerste Nederlandse Montessori School
Eerste Nederlandse Montessori School
European School The Hague
Bi-lingual education
International mindedness and global citizenship:

- the respect for and interest in the cultures of others and an awareness of the impact of global issues
International School of The Hague
Officially opened by Queen Beatrix
International Primary Curriculum
• **Primary (4-11):** International Primary Curriculum (IPC)

• **Secondary (11-16):** Middle Years Programme (MYP)

• **Secondary (16-18):**
  – International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma programme
International-mindedness is embedded into all IPC learning to ensure that children grow up with a very clear global understanding.
View on international perspective

Based upon:

- A child’s knowledge and understanding of its own national culture.
- A child’s awareness and understanding of the independence of and the interdependence between peoples and countries
- A child’s awareness and understanding of the essential similarities between the peoples and countries of the world
- A child’s developing ability to be at ease with others who are different from ourselves
IPC implementation
It fosters the development of skills for communication, intercultural understanding and global engagement, qualities that are essential for life in the 21st century.
The Diploma Programme has a holistic approach and prepares students for effective participation in a rapidly evolving and increasingly global society.
IB diploma programme

In an ever changing global community
The mission of the European schools is to provide a multilingual and multicultural education for nursery, primary and secondary level pupils.
“Educated side by side, untroubled from infancy by divisive prejudices, acquainted with all that is great and good in the different cultures, it will be borne in upon them as they mature that they belong together. Without ceasing to look to their own lands with love and pride, they will become in mind Europeans, schooled and ready to complete and consolidate the work of their fathers before them, to bring into being a united and thriving Europe.”
IPC and IB hyperlinks

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vlq1h_kRb80

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_nNYiKmjxwo