

## HKIS Mission Statement

Dedicating our minds to inquiry, our hearts to compassion,  
and our lives to service and global understanding

An American-style education grounded in the Christian faith  
and respecting the spiritual lives of all

# Service with the Love of God

## HKIS Student Learning Results

### Academic Excellence

Students will achieve their intellectual potential by striving for and attaining the highest standards of academic excellence.

### Spirituality

Students will understand and respect Christianity and other religions and will identify and develop their own spiritual identity.

### Character Development

Students will demonstrate respectful and caring attitudes at school and in the community, as well as the courage to stand up for what is right.

### Self-Motivated Learning

Students willingly apply a variety of learning and motivation strategies throughout their learning process.

### Contributing to Society

Students will develop the skills they need to form genuine relationships in our diverse society and to make contributions to our community.

### Chinese Culture

Students will gain an understanding of China and an appreciation for the Chinese culture.



Zella, Marty, Micah and Christa

Marty Schmidt has served as an educational missionary at the Hong Kong International School (HKIS) since 1990, teaching high school humanities and religion courses. In 1999, Marty's full-time position at HKIS evolved into a unique co-ministry position in which he continues teaching while also serving the LCMS ministries in Asia, including organizing frequent mission trips and leading service learning workshops.

Marty was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland. Following a rewarding summer of English teaching in Beijing in 1987, Marty pursued a secondary education degree at Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska with concentrations in English and History. He joined HKIS shortly thereafter.

Marty soon realized that his students at HKIS became most engaged in spiritual inquiry when confronted with the economic realities of people in other parts of Asia who were less fortunate. Thus, Marty began focusing on developing community service programs within and beyond Hong Kong. For example, he and his students have joined with the Concordia Welfare and Education Foundation to assist several hundred impoverished girls in China to complete their high school education.

In 2009, Marty completed a doctoral program in social conscience education from the University of Western Australia. His wife, Zella, also teaches humanities at HKIS and supports service initiatives in the community. Marty and Zella have two children, Christa and Micah.

Marty's parents, Allan and Sandy Schmidt, have also been involved in educational ministry in Asia. In 1998, the elder Schmidts opened the Concordia International School - Shanghai. Currently, they are in the final stages of approval for a new international school in Hanoi.

Marty and Zella ask you to pray that God raise up more pastors and teachers to serve in this fulfilling ministry work in Asia. Prayers are also requested for wisdom on how Marty can best share what he has learned from his research in the school and church communities.

## About Hong Kong International School

Hong Kong International School (HKIS) is a private, co-educational day-school serving students who seek an American-style education grounded in the Christian faith and respecting the spiritual lives of all.

The School was founded in 1966 by the Lutheran Church Missouri-Synod, American businesses in Hong Kong, and Hong Kong Education Bureau.

Over the past four and a half decades, HKIS has grown tremendously. Through all these years, providing an outstanding education that serves a broad range of students in a Christian setting has remained at the forefront. HKIS and LCMS continue in partnership to provide an outstanding education to young people

There are approximately 2,640 students across the four divisions of HKIS, and about 500 faculty and staff. The student population is made up of over 40 different nationalities, reflecting the unique cultural make-up of the city of Hong Kong.

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