

CORE COMPETENCIES:

The five core competencies are dispositions that students will develop through courses, leadership development programming, and extracurriculars over their seven years at DreamHouse.

	STAGE I (6,7,8)	STAGE II (9,10)	STAGE III (11,12)
Own Voice	I am finding my voice, and I am committed to continuing to do so.	I am developing my voice and using it to express myself authentically. I know that my voice is central to my agency and autonomy and I am committed to using it.	I know, own, and believe in my voice. My words and the way I speak and communicate are grounded in the identity I have chosen for myself, and I communicate from a place of knowledge, purpose, and humility.
Affirmed Identity	I am committed to exploring and shaping my identity in alignment with the life I want to live and I am aware of the values and beliefs that affect my perspective and identity. I know that my decisions and actions shape my identity outside of my own mind, and I seek to better understand my impact and identity in the eyes of others.	I am exploring and applying different values and beliefs I hold, while incorporating feedback and allowing others to shape the person I am; I am committed to more deeply living and embodying the values and beliefs that bring out the best version of myself.	I know and live my values and beliefs in a way that shapes my identity. I speak for and respect myself and know that I am the person I choose to be. I am committed to exploring differences and navigating change while leaning on these values and beliefs.
Servant Leadership	I am committed to becoming a leader with and for my community. I am searching for my authentic leadership style in the context of the life that I lead now and the life I want to lead in the future.	I continuously search for opportunities to take agency and positively affect other people, places, and things. I am open to taking risks and failing forward in an effort to develop as a person comfortable with ambiguity, change, and challenge. I listen to and reflect on lessons learned through these endeavors. I want to lead with and for others.	I am a leader. I am responsible for making a positive impact on people and situations and see my leadership as an integral part of my life. I am committed to continuously reflecting and improving to be the best, most authentic version of myself, in service to my community.
Commitment to Community	I know my community is full of assets. I more deeply understand the challenges and complexity facing my community and am committed to exploring solutions and options to improve the lives of those in my community.	I believe in our local island community and know that solutions exist to the problems and challenges I see; I can and must be part of these solutions. I am an active member of my community and believe that our future is what we, as community members, make of it.	I am committed to knowing, serving, and affecting positive change in my local community. I believe that all challenges and obstacles have solutions, and I see myself as a local leader who is responsible for being part of these solutions.
Consciousness	I no longer see issues as “black and white” or not my concern; I have an eye towards social justice and am committed to better understanding issues, perspectives, and solutions for my community, islands, and world.	I can and must shed light on inequities and injustices that I see in my community, and beyond. Silence and passive compliance to injustice is not an option.	I am awake and mindful of the very real issues in our community, islands, and world; I speak and act to shed light on and address injustice and inequity in a solutions- and partnership-oriented manner.