

KNOWLEDGE, UNDERSTANDING, AND INTELLIGENCE

How Aspire Scholar Academy applies these principles

In his book, Increase in Knowledge, Elder Bednar lays out the path from knowledge, to understanding, to intelligence for us. At ASA we are striving to provide an environment where students can travel along that path with support and friendship. We offer classes with the purpose of obtaining knowledge through Apprentice classes. Building upon that foundation of knowledge, students can take classes where they use their agency to act which leads to understanding with Journeyman classes. Master classes take the knowledge and understanding that students have gained and allow them to act in righteousness, becoming great in their God-given purposes and missions in life.



Education is collecting and acting upon true principles

To live higher, happier, more fulfilled lives, we first seek principles and evidence of their truth through our revelation, reasoning, experience, observation and experimentation, and that of others. We then *obediently apply* those principles to all areas of our lives. This is the true, never-ending cycle of education: seek and find true principles, apply in our lives, become more like God in character, start again. This is our purpose in education.

KNOWLEDGE

Basic learning of facts, information, and abilities obtained through diligent study and experience in all areas of learning. Gather and analyze facts, organize and interpret information, identify patterns and relationships. Obtaining, creating, communicating, and applying knowledge are the overarching objectives of education. p. 63

UNDERSTANDING

Understanding is added unto knowledge and precedes intelligence. Using agency to act invites the Holy Spirit to teach through revelation. Knowledge certified as true by the Holy ghost yields understanding and produces an illumination, a comprehension, a perspective, and a depth of desire and commitment not obtainable through reason alone. p.68

INTELLIGENCE

The righteous application of knowledge and understanding in action and judgement in the development of Godlike character through faithful obedience. We use our moral agency to obtain and act in truth, to become agents who act, rather than objects that are acted upon; we become “doers of the word and not hearers only” (James 1:22). p. 70-73