

# IB and MYP



## What is the International Baccalaureate Program?

It is an internationally recognized program that offers a holistic approach (allows ALL students to see how all subjects relate to one another) to teaching. There is a program offered at the middle and high school levels:

Middle Years Program (MYP): grades 6 – 10 (MYP years 1 – 5)

Diploma Program (DP): grades 11-12

## The IB Mission Statement:

*“The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.*

*To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.*

*These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.”*

## What is the IB Learner Profile?

The learner profile is part of the foundation for educating students. The learner profile has ten traits that encompass the holistic approach to teaching and learning.

### Learner Profiles

Inquirer      Knowledgeable      Thinker      Communicator      Balanced

Principled      Open-Minded      Caring      Risk-Taker      Reflective

The goal is to incorporate these traits into the classroom and school community to help students develop a set of universal human values.

## What is the Middle Years Program?

- It promotes learning traditional subjects and making connections to the real world
- It has an emphasis on critical and reflective thinking
- It encourages the development of communication skills that allow students to become inquirers
- It develops the whole student physically, intellectually, emotionally, and ethically
- It has a focus on international mindedness
- It helps students embrace a positive attitude toward learning
- It teaches eight subject groups
- It embeds the IB learner profile in all lessons
- The curriculum is organized through six global contexts

***What are the eight subject areas?***

- Mathematics
- Science
- Language and Literature (English-Language Arts)
- Language B (Spanish, French, German)
- Physical Education
- Arts (Band, Choir, Art)
- Humanities (Social Studies)
- Design

***What are the global contexts?***

Global contexts provide a framework for contextual learning, as well as providing relevance and meaning to the learning.

- Identities and relationships
- Orientation in space and time
- Personal and cultural expression
- Scientific and technical innovation
- Globalization and sustainability
- Fairness and development

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