

Our Mission:

Our mission is to develop a globally minded community enriched by differences, engaged in inquiry, and empowered to take action to impact the world.

***Enrich! *Engage! *Empower!**
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Primary Years Programme (PYP):

Dogwood Elementary is a candidate school* for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme and is pursuing authorization as an IB World School. IB World Schools share a common philosophy—a commitment to improve the teaching and learning of a diverse and inclusive community of students by delivering challenging, high quality programs of international education that share a powerful vision.

**Only schools authorized by the International Baccalaureate can offer any of its four academic programs: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), the Diploma Programme or the Career-related Programme (CP). Candidate status gives no guarantee that authorization will be granted. For further information about the IB and its programs, visit www.ibo.org.*

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DOGWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Key Concepts:

The PYP identifies seven key concepts that support conceptual teaching within the transdisciplinary units of inquiry. The seven key concepts are:

- * Form- "What is it like?"
- * Function- "How does it work?"
- * Causation- "Why is it as it is?"
- * Change- "How is it transforming?"
- * Connection- "How is it linked to other things?"
- * Perspective- "What are the points of view?"
- * Responsibility- "What are our obligations?"

Students at Dogwood ES:

Our goal is to develop students who are:

- *Balanced
- *Open-minded
- *Caring
- *Principled
- *Communicators
- *Reflective
- *Inquirers
- *Risk-takers
- *Knowledgeable
- *Thinkers

These are the ten IB Learner Profile attributes
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International Baccalaureate (IB)

Mission:

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.

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An IB Education:

PYP is a curriculum framework designed by the International Baccalaureate (IB) and designed for learners aged 3 to 12. The framework promotes every learner's curiosity, creativity, and ability to reflect through a stimulating and nurturing learning environment. The PYP framework is transdisciplinary, meaning learners explore big ideas across content areas.

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6 Transdisciplinary Themes:

Students learn about significant concepts through units of inquiry. The six transdisciplinary themes that guide units of inquiry are:

- *Who We Are
- *Where We Are in Place and Time
- *How We Express Ourselves
- *How the World Works
- *How We Organize Ourselves
- *Sharing the Planet

Early Childhood and Kindergarten teach four units of inquiry
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