

## What is the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme?

The Primary Years Programme (PYP) is a comprehensive approach to teaching and learning that focuses on the development of the whole child. With an international focus, it addresses the academic, social, physical, emotional and cultural needs of the student profile, specific attitudes, a concept driven curriculum and the understanding that socially responsible actions are an integral part of the learning process.

Guided by a series of questions, students and teachers develop units for exploration and study creating a dynamic and energizing learning environment. PYP combines the best research and practices from a range of national systems with a wealth of knowledge and experience from international schools around the world. The curriculum framework incorporates concepts, skills, attitudes, actions and knowledge. These elements are part of three inter-related questions: What do we want to learn? How best will we learn? How will we know that we have learned?

Academic subjects are studied in transdisciplinary themes and explored in ways that transcend conventional methods. Teachers and students design units for exploration and study, guided by a series of basic questions. These questions provoke ideas of local and global significance and accentuate concerns that we all share regardless of our backgrounds or where we reside.

### PYP Curriculum Model

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- <http://www.ibo.org/>