



**SCHOOL OF
INTERNATIONAL
STUDIES**

Independent School District 196
Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan Public Schools

Diamond Path Elementary

Where students meet the world

Donde los estudiantes encuentran al mundo

学生与世界相会

SCHOOL DISTRICT 196
MAGNET
school

What is a School of International Studies?

Diamond Path's vision is: *A society of life long learners building a global perspective for a better world.* Our school is a place where children develop unique ways of contemplating the world around them. Students receive a rigorous and diverse education helping them to be creative, understand different cultures, embrace challenges, and thrive into today's world. Our classroom teachers connect curriculum to global ideas and use an international focus to help students to become responsible world citizens and develop attitudes of acceptance and cooperation. The study of a world language (either Mandarin Chinese or Spanish) is a key component in achieving our vision.



International Perspective Throughout the Curriculum...

Classroom learning - The international studies theme is woven into classroom learning throughout the core curriculum areas of literacy and math. Diamond Path's theme of global significance helps children engage in their own world and the world around them.

Science units of study teach the required District curriculum with an added global perspective. Our science units of study include in-depth content using inquiry, observation, and analysis.

Social studies units of study provide opportunities for students to expand their knowledge of our ever changing and interdependent world. Students also build geographical knowledge as they develop an international perspective.





World Languages - Students select either Spanish or Mandarin Chinese and receive 90 minutes of world language instruction each week (kindergarten has 30 minutes). The primary focus is to work on increasing understanding, listening, speaking, and cultural awareness while acquiring increasing levels of proficiency as students progress from one grade to the next. Our program uses the national standards of world language education: communication, cultures, connections, comparisons and communities.

Art classes allow students to explore the areas of expression, imagination and creation. Students learn the why and how of creating art by studying artists and cultures from ancient to contemporary times. Media classes use storytelling, research and investigation to teach about people, places, and cultures. Students have access to a large collection of library materials, many emphasizing various cultures, along with numerous research databases. Media lessons are integrated with the classroom curriculum.

Music classes engage students by learning songs and using instruments from around the world to grow in musical knowledge, skills, and appreciation. Students actively participate as listeners, performers, composers, and improvisers.

Technology is vital to helping our students learn and understand themselves and the world. Diamond Path puts 21st century technology into the hands of students through desktop computers, laptop mobile labs, and one to one technology. Our technology program offers relevant opportunities for students to collaborate, problem solve, and communicate within our school and the world. All classrooms are interactive and equipped with SMART boards, LCD projectors, document cameras, and wireless microphone systems.



At the core...

All District 196 elementary schools offer the same rigorous core curriculum in reading, writing, math, science and social studies. At Diamond Path, these important areas are an essential part of each student's day.

Literacy includes reading, writing, listening, speaking, word study and handwriting. Knowledge and skills are acquired through connected experiences between home, school and community.

Math instruction integrates concepts such as numbers and operations, algebra, geometry, measurement, data analysis and probability. Students engage in problem solving, reasoning and communicating ideas while making connections to the world around them.

Diamond Path Elementary – School of International Studies

14455 Diamond Path • Apple Valley, MN 55124

952-423-7695 • www.district196.org/dp

Student day: 9:25 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Lynn Hernandez, principal • lynn.hernandez@district196.org

Leah Hack, magnet school specialist • leah.hack@district196.org



**Diamond Path Elementary School
of International Studies**
ISD196 Magnets



@ISD196Magnets



Educating our students to reach their full potential

Serving all or part of Rosemount, Apple Valley, Eagan, Burnsville, Coates, Inver Grove Heights, Lakeville, and Empire and Vermillion Townships

District 196 does not discriminate in employment or in any of its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, familial status, membership or activity in a local human rights commission, disability, sexual orientation, age or genetic information. District 196 provides equal access to designated youth groups. The Director of Human Resources (651-423-7859) has been designated to respond to employment-related inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies. The Director of Elementary Education (651-423-7782) and the Director of Secondary Education (651-423-7712) have been designated to respond to student-related inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies. The Director of Special Education (651-423-7629) has been designated to respond to inquiries concerning the rights of a student with a disability. The mailing address for all directors is 3455 153rd Street W, Rosemount, MN 55068.