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The IB has a hard-earned reputation for high standards of teaching, pedagogical leadership and student achievement. Independent research confirms that students who receive an IB education consistently outperform their peers across the curriculum. Universities and employers across the world view the IB Programme as the gold standard in the 21st century. But what does this mean for our youngest learners? Here are our top reasons why the IB-PYP is right for your young daughter.

1. She will learn how to learn

Students in an IB-PYP school are taught how to learn, and not simply what to learn. Through the "process of inquiry," girls learn that asking the right question is just as important as finding the right answer. This approach engages the girls in their own learning, instills in them the discipline of structured inquiry and fosters their natural curiosity. The skills our youngest students develop as they learn about why objects float or sink in Kindergarten are the same ones they will rely on as they study rotational kinematics and dynamics in their high school and university physics courses.

2. She will know what it takes to succeed at school and in life

Students in an IB-PYP school understand what it takes to reach their full potential. The IB Learner Profile traits are a series of characteristics each girl is encouraged to think about and develop. These ten attributes not only encourage great students, they develop wonderful people. IB Learners strive to be:

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



3. She will learn from the world's best teachers

As members of an international organization, IB schools tap into the finest educational research from around the world. Due to this network of expertise, IB schools are consistently early adopters for best practices and embed research-based changes several years ahead of other school systems. The rigour of the IB Programme attracts the best and most passionate teachers and keeps them at the front of their profession with on-going, world-class professional-development opportunities and global connections.

4. She can go anywhere from here

Students graduating from an IB school frequently earn places at their university and program of choice—at some of the most prestigious institutions in the world. Each student's journey begins in the IB Primary Years Programme where students build an exceptional foundation for personal growth and educational success.





The International Baccalaureate

Founded almost 50 years ago, the International Baccalaureate is a world-renowned leader in the field of education, encouraging students to be active learners, well-rounded individuals and engaged world citizens. For almost 40 years, Elmwood School has been teaching the requirements of the Ontario curriculum through the lens of the IB approach to teaching and learning. The School is one of a handful of "IB Continuum" schools in Canada, and the only one in Ottawa, offering girls an IB education from preschool to Grade 12.



Want to learn more?

Want to learn more about the IB Primary Years Programme at Elmwood? We invite you to come for a tour, where you'll see the programme in action, and have opportunity to meet our teachers and students. Please contact us at admissions@elmwood.ca or (613) 744-7783.