

THE 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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Primary Years
Programme



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PYP

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THE PYP PROGRAM

The PYP is one program within the broader IB world, and is designed for scholars ages 3 through 12. It provides a framework of learning that encourages scholars to become creative, critical and reflective thinkers. It fosters the development of skills for communication, intercultural understanding and global engagement: essential qualities for young people who are becoming global leaders.

The PYP goal is to develop scholars who are:

- Active learners
- Internationally minded
- Able to empathize with others
- Have the intellect and skills to pursue lives of meaning

"The PYP is an authentic inquiry-based learning and teaching programme that is engaging, significant, challenging and relevant."

Source: www.ibo.org

THE LEARNER

"Student initiated action will be considered a dynamic outcome of agency."

Source: The Learner in the Enhanced PYP

Agency

At PVS we value learner and teacher agency in our community. This means that we invite opportunities for scholars to have genuine voice, choice and ownership in their learning. Agency provides space for scholars to explore their curiosities and passions while advocating for how they can best share and demonstrate their understanding in ways that are unique to them.

Action

The aim of learning in the PYP is to empower our scholars to take action in response to their learning. Through PYP Action students develop and demonstrate the attributes of the learner profile and the PYP attitudes, integral to becoming an internationally minded learner. Action projects are voluntary, student-initiated activities that stem from a genuine concern and a desire to make a positive difference.

Exhibition

All scholars in the PVS PYP are required to complete an Exhibition Project in the final year (Grade 6) of the program. The exhibition is the culminating, collaborative experience in the final year of the IB PYP. Scholars will explore, document, and share their understanding of an issue or opportunity of personal significance. An Exhibition showcase will be scheduled for scholars to share about their projects with the community.



INQUIRY CLASSROOMS...

- Nurture student passions & talents
- Empower student choice
- Increase motivation & engagement
- Foster curiosity and a love for learning
- Teach grit, perseverance, growth mindset, & self-regulation
- Make research meaningful & develop strong research skills
- Deepen understanding to go beyond memorizing facts and content
- Fortify the importance of asking good questions
- Enable students to take ownership over their own learning and to reach their goals
- Solve the problems of tomorrow in the classrooms of today
- Nurture student passions & talents

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