



JACKSON
IB PYP WORLD SCHOOL

PYP FAMILY HANDBOOK



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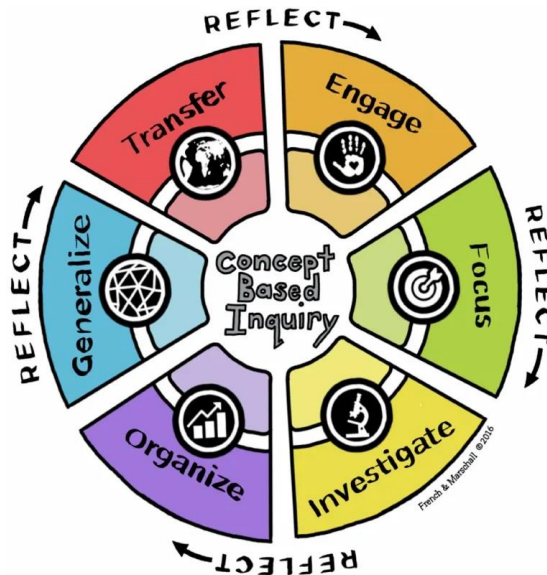
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What is the International Baccalaureate (IB) Organization?

- IB is a non-profit educational and non-governmental organization.
- IB was established in 1968 in Geneva, Switzerland.
- IB is governed by a 17-member council and is funded by fees from IB World Schools.
- We are in one of the three (3) programs that IBO offers. It is called The Primary Years Program (PYP) for scholars 3-12 years old.

What does this mean to Jackson School?

- IB means JS scholars are taught WHY they should know something and how it connects to other subjects and the world around them.
- IB means scholars can inquire about things that interest them.
- IB means challenging learning experiences for the scholars to gain knowledge of things happening around them and the world.
- IB encourages scholars to act after reflecting on their learning at school.



What are the Learner Profile Attributes?

- These are ten (10) qualities that prepare scholars to respect themselves, others, and the world around them.
- The learner profile attributes prepare scholars to contribute to a better world.
- According to the IB PYP, an internationally minded person is someone who shows the qualities in the Learner Profile.



What will my child be learning at Jackson Elementary School?

- Jackson School curriculum aligns with the current New York State Standards.
- The IB PYP shows us how we teach through a structured inquiry using the Six Transdisciplinary Themes.
- Teachers design lessons of inquiry for exploration and study.
- Through this process scholars understand important ideas, acquire skills and knowledge, develop certain qualities, and learn to take socially responsible action.

What does transdisciplinary mean?



- The units of inquiry supply the structure for teachers to build scholars' knowledge.
- Scholars are taught to rely on a variety of resources to gather information from and gain new understandings.
- The Program of Inquiry (POI) helps determine what scholars will learn in the unit.
- The Program of Inquiry is on the school website by grade.
- The Program of Inquiry is displayed by grade level in the Jackson School hallways.

How will Jackson School assess our scholars?

- Written tests, projects, presentations, and written reports.
- NWEA (Northwestern Evaluation Association) MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) is administered twice a year.
- I-Ready Reading & Mathematics diagnostic assessments.
- IB PYP uses "criterion referenced" assessment. Scholars are scored against a rubric, a set of expectations and a score given for achieving them.
- Summative assessments are given at the end of each unit to check for understanding.
- NYS annual assessments for Grades 3-6 in reading, mathematics and science.

How can you help your child at home?

- Make sure to have conversations daily and check your child's assignments.
- Help your child manage his/her time so he/she can plan and complete the task
- Help them with larger projects but please do not complete them for them. Conversations to help them think and produce ideas are a wonderful way to support your child.
- Have frequent communication with your child's teacher.
- Use resources on the school website for school openings, closings, events, and ongoing news. The Jackson School e-Library has plenty of resources. There are resources to support you to be a better parent and caregiver and your child including e-Library.



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