

James B. Sanderlin K-8
IB World School
2026-2027 School Improvement Priorities



School Mission

James B. Sanderlin K-8 is committed to teaching and learning with the brain and heart in mind. Our diverse community of active, lifelong learners will use an inquiry approach through our challenging programmes to become successful internationally-minded citizens.



Inquiry and Academic Discourse

Focus: Students will actively engage in meaningful academic conversations that deepen understanding, strengthen critical thinking, and promote student agency.

Key Actions:

- Implement accountable talk strategies and collaborative learning structures
- Increase opportunities for questioning, discussion, and reflection during inquiry-based learning experiences
- Strengthen communication and ATL skills across all grade levels

Monitoring: Conduct classroom walkthroughs and participate in collaborative planning to monitor implementation



Writing Through Inquiry

Focus: Students use writing to reflect, communicate understanding, and demonstrate learning across all content areas

Key Actions:

- Embed purposeful writing within IB Units and across all learning experiences
- Use writing to support inquiry, reflection, and conceptual understanding
- Strengthen academic language and evidence based responses

Monitoring: Review unit planners, student work, and classroom implementation



IB Learning Environments

Focus: Create engaging learning environments that foster inquiry, agency, and international-mindedness

Key Actions:

- Strengthen implementation of IB Unit Planners, ensuring differentiation and access for all learners
- Promote student ownership through high expectations and positive relationship

Monitoring: Classroom observations, walkthroughs, and participation in collaborative planning aligned to IB expectations.

School Grade Data Goals	24-25 Results	25-26 Results	26-27 Goals
ELA	70	71	76
Math	70	71	76
Science	70	70	75
Civics	73	74	79
Acceleration	89	84	90