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What curriculum does Mundo Verde use?

Mundo Verde uses a variety of curricula connected to our pillars, mission, and vision. For PreK, we use the Creative Curriculum. For grades K-5, we use Eureka for math and a school-crafted curriculum for literacy and expedition. We supplement these with resources from Benchmark (Reading Workshop and Phonics Workshop) and Teacher's College (Reader's and Writer's Workshop)

What instructional models do we use at Mundo Verde?

In grades K-2 we use the workshop model, which consists of a mini-lesson, independent work time, and a closure. For grades 3-5 we use the 5E model, which consists of engagement, exploration time, explanation, elaboration time, and finally an evaluation.

Are there subjects that are taught exclusively in one language or another?

Mundo Verde's biliteracy program begins in the early years for 3 to 5-year-olds with full immersion in the Spanish language, in which general educators teach 100 percent of instruction in Spanish. From 1st to 5th grade, general education classes are dual immersion, with 50 percent of learning in English and 50 percent in Spanish. Content across all subjects in each language is seamlessly woven throughout the students' week. In 1st and 2nd grade, students are taught all day and all contents by one teacher in Spanish and English on alternating days. For students in 3rd through 5th grade, they have three core instructional blocks daily: Spanish Humanities and Expedition, English Humanities and Expedition, and Math and Expedition.

Grade-level teams develop a plan for implementing curriculum across languages. In some instances, the curriculum is integrated, with both languages alternating lessons within a given unit of study. For other grades, the curriculum is designed to divide content within a unit, with each language assuming responsibility for different standards in the content area.

How do families apply to Mundo Verde?

Families need to complete an application via my school's DC lottery process using this link www.myschooldc.org. My School DC phone number is 202-888-6336

Our policy regarding age limits

We strictly follow the age limits. September 30, is the cut-off date. For PK3, students must turn 3 by September 30.

What are Mundo Verde's school hours?

8:30 am-3:30 pm / WED - 8:30 am-1:00 pm

Hours for before and after school

Before school: 7:30-8:30 am / After school: 3:30-6:00 pm

How much does the extended day (before/after school) program cost (full price vs. reduced vs. free)?

For the SY23-24 full-time price was \$450/mo; the reduced meal price was \$180/mo, free meal price was \$90/mo. Full-time after school hours (3:30-6, and Wed 1-6:00).

Is breakfast provided for everyone free of charge?

Yes, but we do ask families to sign up to reduce the amount of waste food.

How much does lunch cost?

Rates for the 23-24 school year are \$120.00 per month including snacks.

How much do the uniforms cost?

Mundo Verde T-shirt: \$8 short sleeve / \$12 long sleeve. Free or reduced meal price: \$2 short sleeve/\$8 long sleeve.

Are expeditions taught in an interdisciplinary way across languages or do they have separate expeditions in each language?

Expeditions are interdisciplinary and taught across languages, with grade-level teachers strategically planning how to split the content. Expeditions have a different focus in each language, and the overall theme is consistent across the grade and inclusive of both languages.

Student: teacher ratio

PK: Up to 8:1 (24:3)

K-1st: Up to 12.5:1 (25:2)

2nd: Up to 18:1 (24:1.5)

3rd-5th: Up to 23:1

How much time do Mundo Verde students spend learning Spanish?

PreK 3/4: 100% of the week is Spanish immersion.

Reading and writing in both languages are integrated into projects and subjects, and both languages are experienced daily for Kindergarten through 5th grade.

Kindergarten: 90% of the week is Spanish immersion.

1st - 4th grade: 50% Spanish / 50% English

5th grade- 50% Spanish / 50% English - Fifth-grade students have three classes: Humanities in Spanish, Humanities in English, and Mathematics which is taught in both languages.

Specials: We offer classes in visual arts, music, movement, cooking, and gardening.

Students develop a love of reading and writing through exposure to the wonders and delights of literature and positive, authentic experiences as readers and writers.

How often do you do your specials?

Special classes are held daily for Kindergarten through 5th-grade students. They have two different specials per trimester.

What percentage of students are native Spanish speakers?

Varies between 35% and 40%

Are all the teacher's native Spanish speakers?

All Spanish teachers are native Spanish speakers

The schedule for the first 2 days of our PK3

Students usually come on the first day (early release, 1:00 p.m.) **and our PK4 students start** on day two for a full day. Then both PK3 and PK4 enter on the 3rd day for a full day.

How many places do you anticipate having PK3 on both campuses for SY 24-25?

J.F. Cook: 180 - Cook will have 8 PK classes.

Calle Ocho: 69 - C8 will have 3 PK Classes.

How many of those spaces do you anticipate will be filled at each school by siblings/other preferred students?

J.F.Cook : 25

Calle Ocho: 30

How does the transfer of preference from one campus to another work?

MV grants campus preference to current students from one MV campus to another. If they have completed a full academic year with MV. You must complete a lottery application through My School DC, if space is available at your preferred campus, we will let you know when the lottery results are in.

Are PK3 and PK4 in the same classroom?

Yes, they are mixed classes of PK3 and PK4 students.

How many teachers are in each PK class?

There are 3 teachers in total, a lead teacher, a teaching fellow, and an associate.

What is the total amount of daily outdoor time for Pre-K?

60 min+

Do students need to be fully potty trained before starting PK3?

No. Students must be accepted regardless of whether they are potty trained. With that being said, our staff is not certified to change diapers, so for students' comfort, we ask that families make every effort to have students practice using the bathroom before coming to school.

Is there any preference for children whose main language is Spanish?

No. As a public school, we do not enroll students based on their language background or achievement.

How difficult is it for children PK3 when it would be their third language?

Each student learns differently. Having said that, researchers suggest that language acquisition becomes easier with each additional language learned.

How are fieldworks different from field trips?

Mundo Verde students go on fieldwork. Fieldwork differs from field trips because students assume the role of active researchers and commit to applying research tools, inquiry techniques, and standards used by professionals in the field.

How is mathematics incorporated into PK?

Math is integrated into different parts of the day (morning meeting, read-aloud, closing circle) through different activities. It is more intentionally included in the centers, where some centers are specifically tied to math skills.

How often do children go on field trips to places like water gardens and other outdoor places? And how are these trips incorporated into the curriculum?

All expeditions involve between 1 and 3 field studies. They are incorporated into the curriculum.

How does Mundo Verde support advanced students in PK?

The curriculum and benchmarks for PK follow the Teaching Strategies GOLD objectives. Teachers differentiate for students along this ability continuum knowing that students may be below, on level, or above level. This has given the developmental variance in grades PK3-Kindergarten.

How is student conflict handled at Mundo Verde?

We take a restorative justice approach to student conflict and relate the situation to our belief in ESPICA (Empathy, Speaking your truth, Perseverance, Inquiry, Collaboration, Appreciation). We also determine what the student is trying to communicate about their needs. Not only that, but we also try to work together with families to support student behavior.

