

IB at Mitchell



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The IB Primary Years Programme PreK - 5th grade



Primary Years Programme

Mitchell PreK - 5th graders participate in the
International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme

What is the Mitchell PYP?

Mitchell Elementary School is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School offering the Middle Years Programme (MYP).

The PYP* is based on best educational practices that focus on and promote student engagement in the learning process:

- Inquiry - Students asking and seeking answers to questions
- Thinking critically and creatively
- Connecting learning to solving real-world problems
- Focus on both academic and personal success
- Interacting and communicating with others about learning.



*In the PYP all Michigan Academic Standards and elementary school requirements are fulfilled.

Key Elements of a Primary Years Education:

International Mindedness: recognize common humanity, commitment to our shared planet, and our community.

The Learner Profile: share our commitment to a holistic approach to education, encouraging IB learners to take action and help to build a better world.


A Broad and Balanced Conceptual Curriculum: organize ideas across subject areas to integrate learning, connect learning to the world around us.

Approaches to Teaching and Learning: develop passionate, active, lifelong learners.



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The IB Learner Profile	<p>The IB Learner Profile is the language used at Mitchell to talk about the behavior of successful learners. The Learner Profile addresses both academic and social-emotional learning. IB learners are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inquirers • Knowledgeable • Thinkers • Communicators • Principled • Open-minded • Caring • Risk-takers • Balanced • Reflective <p>For more information, please go to http://ib.a2schools.org. Click on the parent resource link and look for the “Learner Profile” link.</p> 																		
PYP Curriculum	<p>All Mitchell students are included in the PYP.</p> <p>In the Primary Years Programme at Mitchell Elementary, students study the traditional elementary subjects including language arts, social studies, science and mathematics. Students attend special classes that include Art, Media, Music, Physical Education, and World Language (Spanish).</p> <p>In the PYP, learning transcends traditional boundaries between subject areas. Content and skills are taught in the context of six transdisciplinary themes of global significance: who we are, where we are in place and time, how we express ourselves, how the world works, how we organize ourselves, and sharing the planet. Each theme constitutes one unit of inquiry, and is taught at each grade level in the PYP school.</p> <p>The units of inquiry are designed by the school’s teachers, and are carefully created to meet the needs of the community and the students.</p> <p>Courses are organized as units of study and can be viewed at http://ib.a2schools.org.</p>																		
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PYP Exhibition Project in 5th grade	<p>Students complete the required PYP Exhibition Project in 5th grade. Students pursue a personal interest while applying the Learner Profile attributes, key concepts, knowledge, and <i>PYP Approaches to Learning</i> developed throughout the Primary Years Programme.</p> <p>During the 5th grade year, students are guided to follow a process for learning that includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Investigating 2. Planning 3. Taking Action 4. Reflecting <p>In March each year, students present their project during the evening 5th Grade Exhibition at Mitchell.</p> <div data-bbox="1003 1732 1479 2024"> <p>PYP Approaches to Learning are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research Skills - Social Skills - Thinking Skills - Communication Skills - Self-management Skills </div>																		

