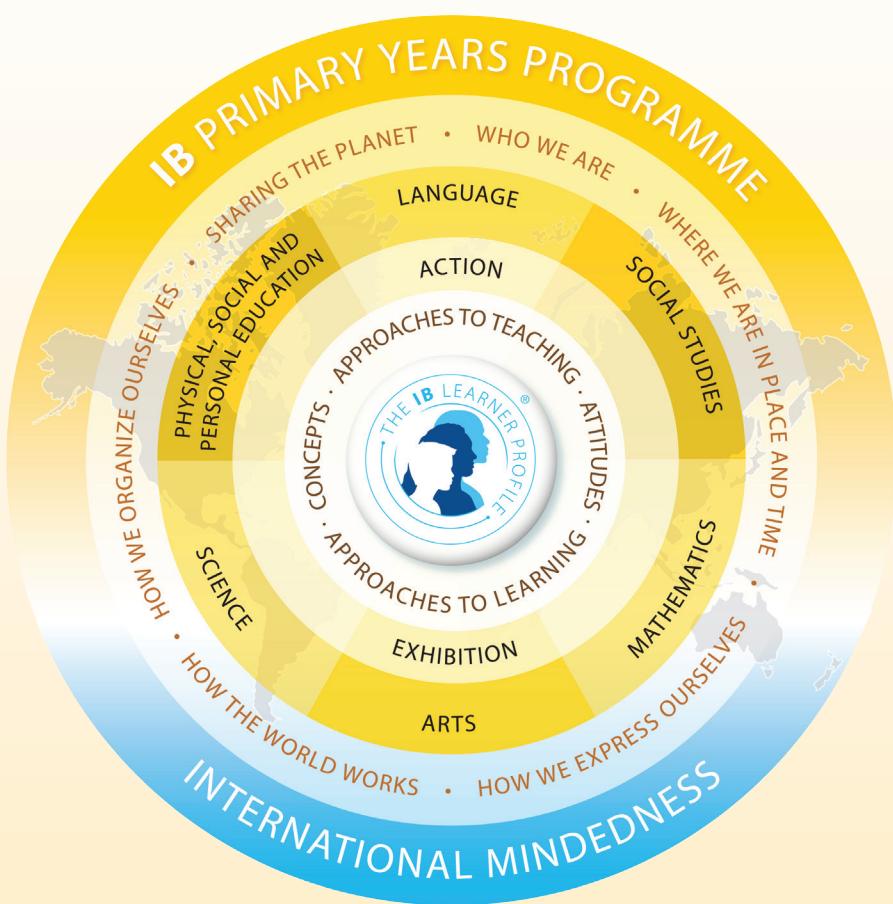




# Primary Years Programme at a Glance

The IB Primary Years Programme (PYP), for students aged 3 to 12, focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, both in the classroom and in the world outside.

## Primary Years Programme Curriculum Model:



At the heart of the PYP is a commitment to structured inquiry as a vehicle for learning. Students are given the opportunity to reflect and take action as a result of the learning.

The aim of the program is to help students acquire a holistic understanding of six main themes:

- Who we are
- How the world works
- Where we are in place and time
- How we organize ourselves
- How we express ourselves
- Sharing the planet

This understanding comes about through the interrelatedness of five essential elements:

- Knowledge
- Attitudes
- Concepts
- Action
- Skills

Teachers and students from the school assess student work; there are no examinations or external moderation of student work by the IB. There are two types of assessment in the PYP:

- Formative assessment is interwoven with daily learning and helps teachers and students find out what the students already know in order to plan the next stage of learning.
- Summative assessment happens at the end of the teaching and learning process and gives the students opportunities to demonstrate what they have learned.

### **The Primary Years Programme:**

- Provides an opportunity for learners to construct meaning, principally through concept-driven inquiry.
- Traditional academic subjects are part of the PYP but it emphasizes the interrelatedness of knowledge and skills through a transdisciplinary program of inquiry.
- The PYP focuses on the heart as well as the mind and addresses social, physical, emotional and cultural needs as well as academic ones.

### **The Primary Years Programme promotes:**

- The construction of knowledge
- The use of inquiry as a pedagogical approach
- The development of conceptual understanding
- Student understanding through personal and cultural experiences
- Valid and varied assessment
- International mindedness