Overview of IB- Primary Years Program-

From the IB Website

What is the IBO program/ curriculum?

Quality education for a better world, The International Baccalaureate® (IB) offers high quality programmes of international education to a worldwide community of schools. There are more than 900,000 IB students in over 140 countries. The International Baccalaureate® (IB) is a non-profit educational foundation, motivated by its mission, focused on the student. Our three programmes for students aged 3 to 19 help develop the intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills to live, learn and work in a rapidly globalizing world.

Founded in 1968, we currently work with 3,294 schools in 141 countries to develop and offer three challenging programmes to over 964,000 students aged 3 to 19 years.

Mission and strategy

The IB is more than its educational programmes and certificates. At our heart we are motivated by a mission to create a better world through education. We value our hard earned reputation for quality, for high standards and for pedagogical leadership. We achieve our goals by working with partners and by actively involving our stakeholders, particularly teachers. We promote intercultural understanding and respect, not as an alternative to a sense of cultural and national identity, but as an essential part of life in the 21st century. All of this is captured in our mission statement.

The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

The IB Primary Years Programme

Students in the 21st century are faced with the challenge of learning about an interconnected world where knowledge is constantly developing.

The International Baccalaureate® (IB) Primary Years Programme prepares students to be active participants in a lifelong journey of learning. Watch more videos of the IB community in action on IBtv.

What is the Primary Years Programme?

The IB Primary Years Programme, 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.
Outline of the structure to Primary Years Program

key Concepts
Form - What is it like?
Function - How does it work?
Change - How is it changing?
Causation - Why is it like it is?
Connection - How is it connected to other things?
Perspective - What are the points of view?
Responsibility - What is our responsibility?
Reflection - How do we know?

Transdisciplinary Skills
Social skills
Research skills
Thinking skills
Communication skills
Self-Management skills

Transdisciplinary Themes
Who We Are
Where We Are in Place and Time
How We Express Ourselves
How the World Works
How We Organize Ourselves
How We Share the Planet

Learner profile
Inquirers
Thinkers
Communicators
Risk-Takers
Knowledgeable
Principled
Caring
Open-Minded
Reflective Balanced

Attitudes
Appreciation
Commitment
Independence
Confidence
Curiosity
Integrity
Cooperation
Empathy
Respect
Creativity
Enthusiasm
Tolerance

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