



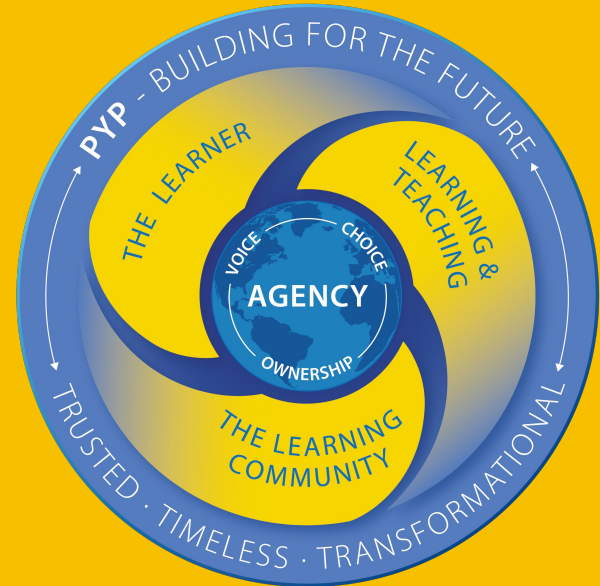
Fairmont
PRIVATE SCHOOL OF FRESNO

IB Candidacy Information

IB Program and PYP

Fairmont Private School of Fresno is excited to announce that we are now a Candidate School for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP)

The (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP) is an approach to teaching and learning that engages students actively while encouraging them to think deeply and take action in their own lives. Through this program, students become internationally-minded thinkers and inquirers who ask questions and seek answers with a global perspective.



PYP Program

The Primary Years Programme fosters a love for learning by nurturing the student's natural curiosity.

The curriculum is an inquiry-based program that empowers students to take action to create a better, more peaceful world.





Why IB PYP at Fairmont

- The first five years of a child's life are the foundation that shapes the child's future health, happiness, growth, development, and learning achievement.
- The PYP provides the framework for our students to dig deeper into concepts and make connections across the curriculum..
- **The IB Primary Years Programme is a perfect fit for Fairmont. It provides us with a school-wide curriculum framework and blends well with our current teaching and learning methods.**

What is the Timeline?



Our candidacy application has been approved; therefore, we are in the candidate phase.

The candidate phase includes additional teacher training, trial implementation of practices, a consultation process, and site visits.* **This phase takes at least a year to complete.**

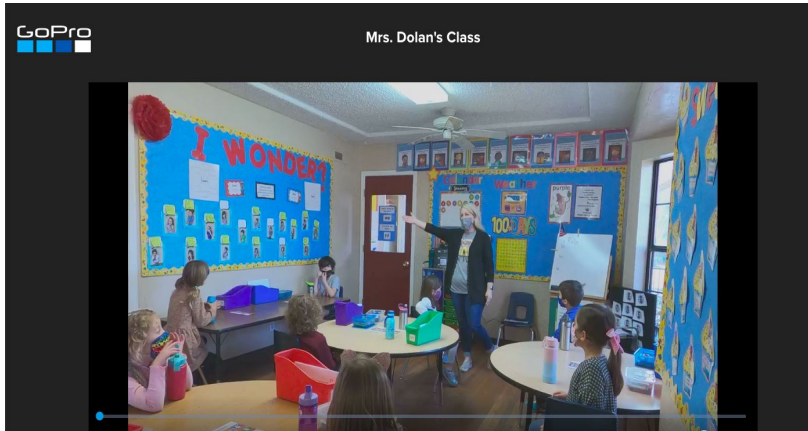
If all requirements are met, the next step is to request school authorization within this year.

How Will We Learn?

We will use inquiry, it includes research, wondering, questioning, experimenting, developing curiosity and much more.

Here is an example of how inquiry works...

Meet our Kindergarten class with Miss Amy.



What Will We Study?

Our Programme of Inquiry is organized around six transdisciplinary themes.

Each theme incorporates language and literacy, readiness and writing, numbers and math, science and social studies, social emotional and physical development.

1. Who We Are
2. Where We Are in Place and Time
3. How We Express Ourselves
4. How the World Works
5. How We Organize Ourselves
6. Sharing the Planet

What will we Learn?

Our young learners in the toddler, preschool and TK will participate in four units of inquiry.

Kindergarten will participate in six units of inquiry.

The units connect all subject areas through big ideas or key concepts (form, function, causation, connection, change, perspective, responsibility, and reflection).

Teaching and learning encourages students to connect ideas both in and out of the classroom.



How Will We Teach Students to be Internationally Minded?



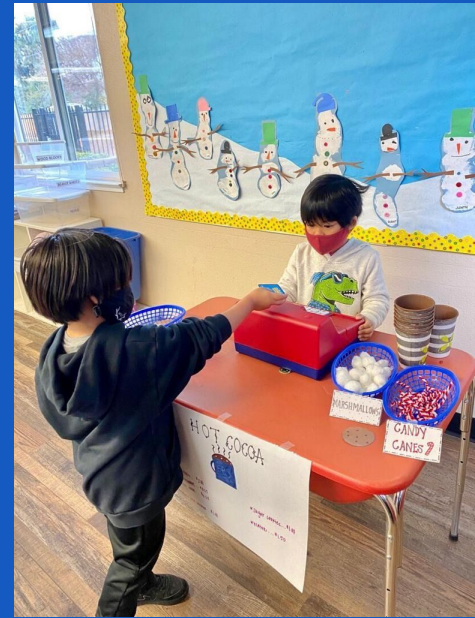
The aim of the IB programme is to create a better and more peaceful world through **intercultural understanding and respect by developing the IB Learner Profile.**

The IB Philosophy and curriculum also encourages students to take **positive action within their school community and helping others** in their local and global communities.

How will we Develop Character of Fairmont's students?

Using the IB Learner Profile and IB Attitudes:

- **IB Learner Profile Traits:** We want our children to be balanced, caring, communicators, inquirers, knowledgeable, open-minded, principled, reflective, risk-takers, and thinkers.
- **IB Attitudes:** Our children will have appreciation, commitment, confidence, cooperation, creativity, curiosity, empathy, enthusiasm, independence, integrity, respect, and tolerance



How will our students be Evaluated?

Student progress will be documented through **portfolio collections** of the student work, anecdotal records, progress reports and conferences.

We will promote **teacher and student reflection** into the student portfolio.



What About Language Learning?

The focus of language is incorporated across the subject areas and throughout our Transdisciplinary Themes. Our second language of instruction is Spanish, which is taught to all age levels at Fairmont by Mrs Irene. The Spanish curriculum includes concepts, conversations, music and cultural experiences.

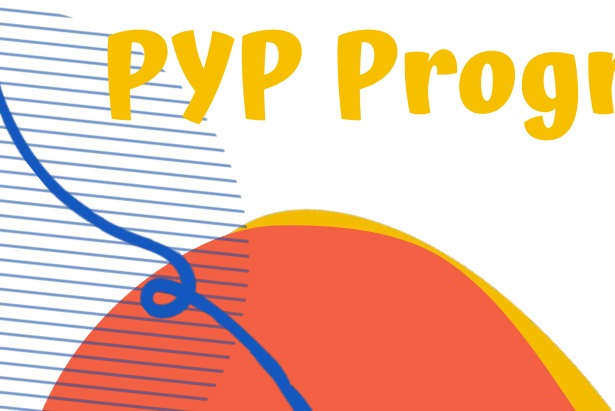


Will the PYP be offered to all Students?



Yes, this is a Fairmont wide program. All students who attend our school will participate in the IB PYP program.

Where Can I Get More Information about the IB PYP Program?



PYP In The Early Years

<https://youtu.be/nPUMwr4-y6o>

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