



# What is the Primary Years Programme (PYP)?

The International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (PYP) is a transdisciplinary programme of international education designed to foster the development of the whole child. It is for students aged 3 to 12. The PYP focuses on the total growth of the developing child, touching hearts as well as minds. In addition to academic development the PYP encompasses social, physical, emotional and cultural needs of individuals and groups.

The PYP draws on research and best practice from a range of national systems to create a relevant, engaging, challenging and significant educational framework for all children.

The PYP is one of three programmes offered by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO). Grisham Middle School is currently a candidate school for the Middle Years Program (MYP), and Westwood High School is an authorized IB Diploma Program school.

**Only IB World Schools (schools authorized by the IBO) and candidate schools can offer the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Program (MYP) or the Diploma Program.**

\*Adapted from: <http://www.ibo.org/pyp>