



What is the IB PYP?

Mark Twain Elementary is an IB World School authorized in 2005 to provide the **International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program** to all our students. As an IB World School, we are committed to ensuring that learning is engaging, relevant, challenging, and significant. We attend to the total growth of the developing child, affecting hearts as well as minds.

As IB learners, we strive to be inquirers, thinkers, communicators and risk takers who are knowledgeable, principled, caring, open-minded, well-balanced and reflective. These 10 attributes comprise the **IB Learner Profile**.

Our IB Primary Years Program offers inquiry-based teaching and learning that leads to conceptual understanding of a transdisciplinary curriculum.

In the PYP, a balance is sought between **acquisition of essential knowledge and skills, development of conceptual understanding, demonstration of ethical behaviors, and taking of responsible action.**

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