

Candidacy Information and Status

St. Anthony is a candidate school* for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP) and pursuing authorization as an IB World School.

IB world schools share a common philosophy—a commitment to improve the teaching and learning of a diverse and inclusive community of students by delivering challenging, high quality programmes of international education that share a powerful vision.

St. Anthony embarked on its journey to become an IB World School in 2016 when the school officially submitted its application to begin the process. Shortly after, the school was granted its *candidate* status and with that, developed a local three year plan to submit a request for authorization in October of 2019. Currently, we are awaiting word on the date of a verification visit that would take place in the spring of 2020.

What is the Primary Years programme?

In an increasingly interconnected world that demands more and more of each subsequent generation, primary schools need to adapt to ensure that the children acquire the tools and skills necessary to build a strong foundation for school, life and beyond.

The Primary Years Programme focuses on the whole child as an inquirer, both in the classroom and the world outside. The framework of the programme is guided by six transdisciplinary themes of global significance that are explored in conjunction with the knowledge and skills derived from the six subject areas as well as transdisciplinary skills, with a powerful emphasis on Inquiry (obtained from ibo.org).

What is in the Curriculum?

The aim of the PYP is to create a transdisciplinary curriculum that is engaging, relevant, challenging and significant to the learners.

Transdisciplinary simply describes a discipline that is interconnected and can be applied across all subjects and applied to real life. For example, a transdisciplinary concept may include math, science, English and French, social studies and tie it all together; it is not isolated to one subject.

What should I know about the IB PYP?

Students are taught why they should know something and how it connects to other subjects and the real world. It means students will receive challenging instruction and worldwide knowledge “at home”.

The Six Transdisciplinary Themes

The 2019-2020 school year is our first that has our students completing six units that focus on six different transdisciplinary themes:

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

These themes have led to the development of programmes of inquiry at each grade level. These investigations allow students to spend an extended period on each theme and allow them to inquire and make connections beyond the walls of the classroom into more involved issues.

The IB Learner Profile

In addition to the transdisciplinary themes, we also encourage the development of each child by focusing on the IB learner attributes:

Inquirers
Knowledgeable
Thinkers
Communicators
Principled
Open-minded
Caring
Risk-takers
Balanced
Reflective

Want to Find out More?

Please contact Mme Lucie Vinet, our IB coordinator, and we will be happy to meet with you!

**Only schools authorized by the International Baccalaureate can offer any of its four academic programmes: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), the Diploma Programme or the IB Career-related Certificate (IBCC). Candidate status gives no guarantee that authorization will be granted. For more information about the IB and its programmes, visit www.ibo.org*



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