

## st louis park public schools mission

As a caring, diverse community with a tradition of putting its children first, we will:

- ensure that all students attain the **highest level of achievement** and become contributing members of society
- offer everyone **high quality opportunities for lifelong learning**, by providing multiple pathways to excellence and challenging each learner to meet high standards, within a safe environment.



## IB mission

The International Baccalaureate Organization aims to develop **inquiring, knowledgeable and caring** young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

The International Baccalaureate Programme offers an international education for students and includes three components: Primary Years (ages 3-12), Middle Years (ages 11-16) and Diploma (ages 16-19). St Louis Park Public Schools currently offer the Diploma Programme and is in the application phase of offering a fully authorized Primary Years Programme.

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## introducing the international baccalaureate (IB) primary years programme\*



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*Achieving success, one student at a time.*

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# bringing IB to our elementary schools

St Louis Park Public Schools is incorporating the **International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme** curriculum for all students in the four primary and intermediate schools: Aquila, Peter Hobart, Susan Lindgren, Cedar Manor.



- IB uses **inquiry, international focus** and **collaboration** throughout the school day to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people.
- IB creates a **true international flavor** within a school, and includes **weekly Spanish instruction** for all students (60 minutes for kindergartners and 90 minutes for grades 1-6).  
All subject areas – **language arts, math, art, social studies, science / technology, and personal / social / physical education** – are taught using six interdisciplinary 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*

## what is IB?

IB is an internationally recognized method for teaching students that focuses on the whole child. Students explore their subjects by **asking questions:**

- What is it like?
- How does it work?
- Why is it like it is?
- How is it changing?
- How is it connected to other things?
- What are the points of view?
- What is our responsibility?
- How do we know?

**Through this inquiry-based process, IB learners become:**

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

IB emphasizes **intellectual, personal, emotional** and **social development** for all students.



## what will IB look like?

Students will still have reading, writing, math, social studies, physical education and art – but they will be taught using the IB framework, integrating subjects and exploring information from a **global viewpoint**.

For example, **kindergartners** will learn their subjects through these themes:

*Who we are:* All about me

*Where we are in place and time:* Community helpers

*How we express ourselves:* Everyone has a story to tell

*How the world works:* Exploring materials

*How we organize ourselves:* Patterns all around

*Sharing the planet:* Food from the earth

While **3rd graders** will learn their subjects through these themes:

*Who we are:* How I became me

*Where we are in place and time:* Maps and globes

*How we express ourselves:* A symbol speaks a thousand words

*How the world works:* Observable organisms

*How we organize ourselves:* Math rocks!

*Sharing the planet:* Don't be a drip (water)

Contact the IB coordinator at each school or go to <http://www.slpschools.org/ib.html> to learn more.

