

International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme

The IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) at Bess Streeter Aldrich Elementary School is designed for students in grades Kindergarten through fifth grade. It focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, both in the classroom and in the world outside. It is a framework guided by six trans-disciplinary themes of global significance. Each theme is explored using knowledge and skills derived from six subject areas, with a powerful emphasis on inquiry-based learning. The PYP is a uniquely international program focusing on the total growth of the developing child. It includes the social, physical, emotional and cultural needs in addition to academics. This is illustrated in the diagram below.

The International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (IBPYP) provides a shared curriculum for primary schools throughout the world. It does not replace the district scope and sequence or the state requirements, but expands on them providing breadth and depth to understanding for primary age children. In addition, it provides the students with an international perspective that relates their world in the U.S. and Nebraska to a larger global community. The curriculum is designed as an interactive whole that eventually encompasses the full range of disciplines and adds to the district and state guidelines.



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