# SARGEANT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Sargeant Elementary is a candidate school for the Primary Years Program. We are pursuing authorization as an IB World School. These are schools that share a common philosophy—a commitment to high quality, challenging, international education that Sargeant Elementary School believes is important for our students.

## What is IB?

The International Baccalaureate's Primary Years Program (PYP) is a curriculum framework designed for young learners (ages 3-12) in international schools. Over 250 schools worldwide currently use this program, which is sponsored and funded by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO). It focuses on the development of the whole child through an inquiry based learning approach that exposes children to worldwide perspectives while ensuring their full academic development within a solid core curriculum.

# **IB Mission Statement**

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

To this end the organization works with schools, governments, and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate, and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences can also be right.

## **Sargeant Mission Statement**

Sargeant Elementary School's mission is to maximize opportunities for success so every child can strive to be a compassionate, caring, balanced student who will become globally-minded and inspired to be a life-long learner. Sargeant is committed to:

- Providing inquiry based instruction through academic rigor
- Encouraging global awareness through learning opportunities by being involved in their community and world.
- Collaborating with staff to provide a supportive environment that embraces all strengths and learning challenges.

#### What does PYP mean?

PYP stands for Primary Years Program. Through its inquiry-led, transdisciplinary framework, the PYP Challenges students to think for themselves and take responsibility for their learning as they explore local and global issues and opportunities in real life contexts.

#### **Three Main Components of PYP**

#### Inquiry-based instruction:

Teachers develop trans-disciplinary units based on themes that reflect essential knowledge and that encourage students to ask questions and become architects of their own learning. We want our students to connect what they learn to real-life situations and have opportunities to work together to meet real challenges.

# Becoming internationally minded:

Students are given increased opportunities to learn about their own culture and the cultures of people from around the globe. By viewing issues from multiple points of view, students learn the values of tolerance and empathy.

#### Action:

By going through the three steps of choosing, acting and then reflecting back upon the results of their choice, students are able to grow socially and personally, developing skills such as cooperation, problem solving, conflict resolution and critical thinking. This is an important part of a student's participation in his or her own learning. The action cycle helps develop lifelong learners

#### **Learner Profile**

At Sargeant we strive to represent the ten attributes of the learner profile.

Inquirers Principled Communicators Open-minded Courageous Knowledgeable Balanced

Caring Thinkers Reflective

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