

What is IB?

The International Baccalaureate® (IB) is a non-profit educational foundation with programs for students from preschool to high school. IB works in over 100 countries worldwide.

Prince William County has IB programs in elementary, middle, and high school. Ellis Elementary School is one of the schools in PWCS with an IB program. Through an inquiry-driven approach, students become actively engaged in their learning.

The interaction of students and their teacher creates an exciting atmosphere of discovery and learning.

The IB Primary Years Programme

The PYP program encourages students to develop independence and to take responsibility for their own learning. Additionally the PYP program helps students establish personal values with a foundation with international-mindedness.

Ellis ES was authorized as an International Baccalaureate World School in 2012. IB World Schools share a common philosophy—a commitment to high-quality, challenging, international education.

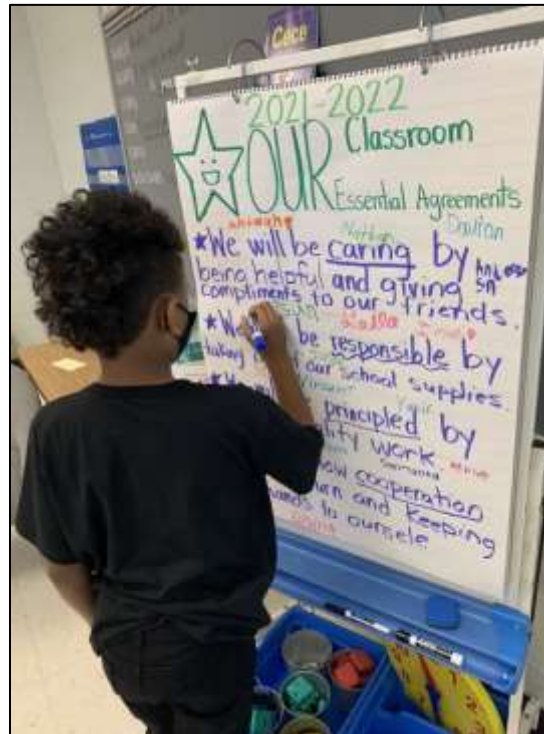
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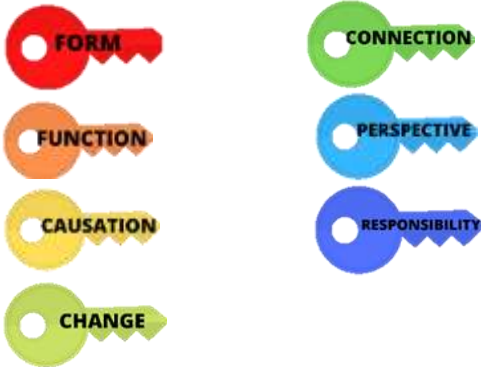
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Conceptual Teaching

IB teachers plan and implement lessons in all subject areas that connect to broader concepts. These are known as the KEY CONCEPTS.



Learner Profiles

IB Learner Profiles are the qualities that we strive for all students to develop as they progress through the IB program. Teachers share lessons to exhibit these profiles.



Transdisciplinary Themes

Our learning is divided up into six units of study.



Who we are

Inquiry into human relationships such as families, friends, communities, and cultures; rights and responsibilities.

Where we are in place and time

Inquiry into personal histories; homes and journeys; the discoveries, explorations and migrations of humans.

Sharing the planet

Inquiry into sharing resources with other people and other living things

How the world works

Inquiry into the natural world and its laws; the interaction between the natural world (physical and biological) and human societies.

How we organize ourselves

Inquiry into the the structure and function of organizations; economic activities and their impact

How we express ourselves

Inquiry into the ways in which we discover and express ideas, feelings, nature, culture, beliefs and values.

Exhibition

Fifth Grade culminates with Exhibition. Students choose an area of interest to research and create an action plan to bring change in their community. Fifth Graders present their research and action.