

The Enhanced Primary Years Programme

Guide



Emirates International School Meadows

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International Baccalaureate 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.



The Enhanced Primary Years Programme at Emirates International School, Meadows

The Enhanced PYP encourages students to be actively engaged in lifelong learning. By promoting student voice, choice and ownership our community helps to create a supportive environment for greater student agency.

Happy - Safe - Successful

In order to be happy, safe and successful at school we provide opportunities for students to:

- Use their student voice.
- Solve problems in innovative and entrepreneurial ways.
- Learn how to effectively utilise the Approaches to Learning skills to become independent learners.
- Ask questions about their learning.
- Develop international mindedness through the use of the Learner Profile attributes.
- Use their new knowledge and understanding to take 'Action' within the local or wider community.

Within learning experiences students will:

- Learn through inquiry building on prior knowledge.
- Work individually, with a partner and in groups using a range of learning skills.
- Be listened to as their curiosity leads them to new learning.
- Explore and interact with the environment physically, socially and intellectually.
- Learn through personalised experiences.

As guided by the PYP Standards and Practices, the Elementary School at EISM will:

- Establish a firm foundation in the core subjects of Language A (English), Math, Social Studies and Science (through the Units of Inquiry)
- Enrich the curriculum through Specialist classes that connect to the Units of Inquiry including Arabic, the Arts (visual and performance), Technology, Library, Personal, Social and Physical Education and Islamic Education for Muslim students.
- Enable students to promote their own international mindedness through the Learner Profile and the opportunity to take action.
- Respond to the individual intellectual, physical, emotional and social needs of students.
- From EY1 to Year 6, students follow the IB's Enhanced Primary Years Program (Enhanced PYP) which is a framework for learning important knowledge, concepts and skills as well as a philosophy of education into which the elementary curriculum fits.