

The International Baccalaureate (IB) is a recognized leader in the field of international education that aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. It offers three challenging programmes for pupils aged 3 to 19. The Primary Years Programme (PYP) is for pupils aged 3 to 12 and focuses on the development of the whole child in the classroom and in the world outside. There is also the Middle Years Programme (MYP) for students aged 11 to 16 and the Diploma Programme for students aged 16 to 19.



Cheryl Burke,
Principal of Chimborazo

SAVE THE DATE! **April 4, 2011 at 7 p.m.**

We need your support at the School Board Meeting at City Hall on Monday, April 4, 2011, at 7 p.m., where we will be asking the School Board for their permission to move forward with the PYP application. The more parents, teachers and citizens who show up to demonstrate their support, the stronger the message we send to the School Board that we are ready to take Chimborazo to the next level. Transportation will be provided. Hope to see you there!



To the Next Level!

Let's Make Chimborazo
Elementary an International
Baccalaureate (IB) PYP School

Questions and Answers

What does the Primary Years Programme consist of?

The IB Primary Years Programme (PYP), for students aged 3-12, focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, both in the classroom and in the world outside. It provides an educational framework based upon what is currently known about how young students learn.

Can students with special needs participate in the PYP?

Yes. IB-authorized schools are expected to involve all of their students in the PYP, regardless of their learning needs, and make any necessary accommodation for students with special needs.

Why is Chimborazo pursuing the International Baccalaureate's Primary Years Programme?

The PYP is not a separate curriculum, but a different approach to learning. It makes the existing curriculum more meaningful, more useful and more connected to real-life issues. Through the PYP, students are guided to think more critically, more independently and more creatively.

What is so special about IB?

IB programmes are recognized around the world and ensure an increased adaptability and mobility for their students. IB World Schools must undergo an exhaustive authorization process, including a study of the school's resources and commitment to the IB mission and philosophy, in order to offer one or more of the programmes.



IB Primary Years Programme: A Gateway for Chimborazo

The most significant and distinctive feature of the PYP is the six transdisciplinary themes, which are about areas that have meaning for, and are important to, all of us:

- 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

These themes create a framework that allows students to “step up” beyond the confines of learning within subject areas.

“The IB Programme has revitalized me as an educator, and I’ve seen it revitalize others. The IB is like nothing else. Once you start seeing the impact on kids and how it really does make a difference, it’s amazing. What IB gave me was the metal frame on the umbrella to hold up and then put the material on the frame. You feel there is someone out there upholding standards to meet. It is a structure that requires excellence. The support of the IB staff and volunteers makes all the difference.”

Jean Ramseyer,
PYP coordinator and
MYP coordinator,
Lone Pine Elementary
and West Hills Middle
Schools, Bloomfield,
Michigan, USA
(candidate schools)

Everybody Wins with IB

Chimborazo Students

- IB students become active learners, understanding how they learn, and how they connect and apply learning.
- IB offers a comprehensive “full service” curriculum and teaching philosophy aimed at developing the student as a whole.
- IB attracts motivated students, and when introduced in public schools, it promotes access for underprivileged students.
- The community service component throughout all IB curriculum fosters a sense of responsibility and involvement in the students’ communities.
- IB gives students firsthand experience of being part of an international community and of having a common bond with students all over the world.

Chimborazo School and Staff

- IB provides a unified, coherent approach to learning without stifling the creativity and unique talents and perspectives of teachers and students.
- IB involves ongoing professional development of teachers and administrators.
- The curriculum is tailored to meet the requirements of the state and/or school district. This means that students receive an education steeped in their own culture and history, as well as one that provides an international perspective.

Church Hill Community

- Many parents choose neighborhoods based on the strength of the school system and opportunities for education of their children.
- Improved standards in one school will eventually lead to improvements in neighboring schools as they compete for students and aspire to higher levels of performance.
- Well-educated students will be willing to come back to the communities where they grew up, knowing the opportunities they had in their local school system helped them get an excellent education.