



August 20, 2019

# IB at Dunbar Elementary School

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## What is International Baccalaureate or IB?

**IB** stands for **International Baccalaureate**. Baccalaureate is defined as educational requirements set by standards of what international would mean, used by people of many nations. IB consists of four programs: The **PYP** (Primary Years Program) ages 3-12, **MYP** (Middle Years Program) ages 11-16, **DP** (Diploma Program) 16-19, and **CP** (Career-Relate Program). Dunbar is a **Candidate School** for the **PYP**. We are currently pursuing authorization as an IB World School.

## IB Learner Profile in the PYP

The **International Baccalaureate (IB)** learner profile describes a broad range of ten attributes in which we aim and value IB and what is meant by international mindedness. The learner profile unites us all with a common focus: on the whole person, as a life-long learner. It applies to us all – student, teacher, parent, and administrator – for we are all continually learning.

We hope our students strive to be:



\*Taken from: <http://www.iblearnerprofile.com>

## IB Mission Statement

The International Baccalaureate (**IB**) 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 life-long learners who develop that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

## Dunbar Mission Statement

Paul Laurence Dunbar Elementary is a school that **nurtures** and develops **life – long** learners who are **problem solvers** and **internationally minded** citizens.

## Dunbar Vision Statement

Paul Laurence Dunbar is a school where **excellence** is expected and all students are developed **academically, socially, and emotionally** in order to become **globally competitive**.

## Learn Profile Focus for August: Caring

A caring student shows empathy and respect towards the needs and feelings of others.

## IB Ambassador of the Month: Caring

Recognition for the **IB Ambassador** was developed to honor students who exhibit the traits of the IB Learner Profile, follow the essential agreements of the school and class, and show they are respectful, honest, and hardworking.

## Dunbar IB Grade Level Planner Focus

Grade Level	Transdisciplinary Theme	Title	Central Idea	Lines of Inquiry
Kindergarten				
First				
Second				
Third				
Fourth				
Fifth				



### Bridging IB and SEL



**Book of the Month**

All Are Welcome by: Alexandra Penfold & Suzanne Kaufman

**SEL Competency  
Relationship Skills**

Students develop and maintain health relationships with others.

### Upcoming Events

**Monday Morning Meeting**

This week's school assembly is Monday, August 20, 2019 at 8:00 am.

**IB Ambassador of the Month Celebration**

- August 28, 2019: Ice Cream Social

**Parent Meeting & Food Pantry August 29, 2019**

10:00 am & 4:00 pm

**(See Ms. Walker for details)**

### Reminders to Parents



**School opens at 7:25 am**  
**Breakfast Hours: 7:25 am-7:50 am**  
**Early Dismissal ends at 2:00 pm**  
**Dismissal begins at 2:15 pm**



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