

## Lake Forest Hills Elementary IB PYP School \*

**Lake Forest Hills** is authorized as an IB World School providing the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (IB PYP). These are schools that share a common philosophy—a commitment to high quality, challenging, international education that LFH believes is important for our students.

\*Only schools authorized by the IB organization can offer any of its four academic programmes: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), the Diploma Programme, or the IB Career-related Certificate (IBCC).

For further information about the IB and its programmes, visit <http://www.ibo.org>.



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A really striking difference, the most obvious aspect that we see at home, is the way the IB learner profiles have really become an integral part of Charlotte's vocabulary. She uses this language often: for talking about school, but also in a larger context of her home and community. Life and learning are complicated, but having integrated these profiles has helped her frame and make sense of the world around her.

-Beth Droppleman, LFH parent



*"Education is not  
the filling of a  
pail, but the  
lighting of a fire."*

*-William Butler  
Yeats*

Spanish is an important part of our program. Students in Pre-K through 5th grade receive Spanish instruction.

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International Baccalaureate  
Primary Years Programme School\*

The mission of Lake Forest Hills Elementary is to develop life-long learners who are knowledgeable, compassionate, active and globally responsible in an ever-changing world through partnerships with home, school, and community.

# International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme

## What is the Primary Years Programme?

The IB Primary Years Programme (PYP), for students aged 3 to 12, focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, both in the classroom and in the world outside.

**What is the curriculum framework?** The curriculum framework consists of five essential elements: concepts, knowledge, skills, attitudes, and action. The knowledge component is developed through inquiries into six transdisciplinary themes of global significance, supported and balanced by six subject areas.

The curriculum framework is further structured around three interrelated questions.

- What do we want to learn?  
*The written curriculum.*
- How best will we learn?  
*The taught curriculum.*
- How will we know what we have learned?  
*The assessed curriculum.*



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## What is the IB Learner Profile?

The aim of all IB programmes is to develop internationally minded people. IB learners strive to be:

- inquirers
- knowledgeable
- communicators
- thinkers
- principled
- open-minded
- caring
- risk-takers
- balanced
- reflective



Lake Forest Hills (LFH) is part of the Richmond County School System serving Pre-K through 5th grade. We provide many opportunities for students to learn about the world and themselves. Students attend Spanish, music, art, and physical education classes.

- Spanish—45 minutes per week
- Music—45 minutes per week
- Art—45 minutes per week
- PE— 45 minutes, K - Twice per week/ 1-5—3 times per week

LFH has a guidance counselor who provides classroom, individual, and group guidance and organizes our annual IB Career Day.

Students qualified as Gifted are served by certified Gifted Teachers at LFH.

There are opportunities to participate in clubs after school. Currently, we offer a Garden Club, Sign Language Club, STEM Club, Basketball Club, and DMAT (Dolphin Media and Technology) Club.

## What are the Five Essential Elements of PYP?

### Knowledge

Significant, relevant content that we wish the students to explore and know about, taking into consideration their prior experience and understanding.

### Concepts

Powerful ideas that have relevance within the subject areas but also transcend them and that students must explore and re-explore in order to develop a coherent, in-depth understanding.

### Skills

Those capabilities that the students need to demonstrate to succeed in a changing, challenging world, which may be disciplinary or transdisciplinary in nature.

### Attitudes

Dispositions that are expressions of fundamental values, beliefs and feelings about learning, the environment and people.

### Action

Demonstrations of deeper learning in responsible behavior through responsible action; a manifestation in practice of the other essential elements.

## Lake Forest Hills

### Authorization & Evaluation Timeline

- April 2010 - Submit Application A
- May 2010 – Approved as an IB Candidate School
- August 2010 – LFH faculty begin writing Programme of Inquiry
- February 2011—Onsite Training for LFH Faculty
- October 2011- Submit Application B
- May 2012—Authorization Visit
- September 2012—Authorized as an IB World School
- September 2015-May 2016—Self Study
- September 2016—Evaluation Visit