

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>.



"It's clear to me that the teachers do their best to tend to the needs of each individual student—from those who struggle to those who need greater challenge. I think this freedom to find creative ways to deliver the standard curriculum comes from a trusting principal and supportive parents. LFH is our village!"

Being the product of RCBOE magnet schools and my children, themselves, being a part of a culturally diverse family, a diverse school is extremely important to me for my children. I value LFH's diversity not just of race and ethnicity, but also of learning styles, socioeconomic status, and ideologies. I really believe LFH is a learning environment that reflects the real world, and my children will be better citizens as a result."

~Mickey Williford, 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 Kindergarten through 5th grade receive Spanish instruction.

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Primary Years Programme School*

Open House—December 6th—5:00-6:00pm

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.



Lake Forest Hills is authorized as an IB World School offering the Primary Years Programme.

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 twice 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. They include Beta Club, Garden Club, STEM Club, Basketball Club, Robotics 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.

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Authorization & Evaluation Timeline

- May 2010 – Approved as an IB Candidate School
- September 2012—Authorized as an IB World School
- September 2015-May 2016—Self Study
- September 2016—Evaluation Visit
- December 2016— Reauthorization as an IB World School