



Wildcat PYP Newsletter



Upcoming Events

- Jan 4 – Back to School
- Jan 9 – Report Cards
- Jan 15 – Jan 31 Student Ambassador Winter Drive [bring hats, gloves, scarves and socks]
- Jan 15 – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- Jan 23 – Student of the Month Breakfast
- Jan 30 – 2nd Grade Art Field Trip
- Feb 1 - Parent University 4-6pm
- Feb 2 – National Wear Red Day

We're on the Web!

<https://www.rcboe.org/copeland>



Did you know!?

iReady, MyOn, Dreambox, Reflex, Frax, and Lexia utilize personalized instruction that students can practice at home by logging into their Launchpad account.

Unlocking Boundless Learning: The Power of Transdisciplinary Education

What is Transdisciplinary Education?

Transdisciplinary education goes beyond traditional subject boundaries, providing a holistic approach to learning. It encourages students to explore real-world issues and develop skills that extend beyond individual disciplines. In the PYP, it's about breaking down the walls between subjects, fostering a seamless integration of knowledge from various domains.

Key Elements of Transdisciplinary Learning

Relevance to Real-world Issues:

Transdisciplinary learning is rooted in real-world challenges. By addressing authentic problems, students develop a deeper understanding of the interconnectedness of subjects and their applications in the world.

Skills for Life: Our approach emphasizes the development of essential skills such as critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and creativity. These skills prepare students not only for academic success but also for success in their future careers and personal lives.

Inquiry-based Learning: Students are natural explorers. Through inquiry-based learning, we encourage curiosity and independent thinking. Students learn to ask questions, seek answers, and develop a love for learning that extends beyond the classroom.

Global Citizenship: Transdisciplinary education aligns with the PYP's goal of creating globally-minded citizens. Students engage with diverse perspectives, fostering cultural awareness and empathy, essential qualities for

navigating our interconnected world.

Benefits for Your Child

Engagement:

Transdisciplinary learning captures students' interest by making learning meaningful and relevant. This engagement promotes a positive attitude towards education and a lifelong love of learning.

Holistic Development:

Beyond academic achievement, your child will develop into a well-rounded individual with a deep sense of inquiry, adaptability, and a global perspective.

Preparation for the Future:

In a rapidly changing world, the ability to connect knowledge across disciplines is a valuable skill. Transdisciplinary education equips your child with the tools needed to face the challenges of the future with confidence.



IB PYP Terminology

Program of Inquiry (POI)

The program of inquiry serves as a framework for the curriculum and illustrates the major concepts that students will be exploring. It is made up of six units per grade level that help students gain an understanding of themselves and the world around them.





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Internationally Minded



The 411

Did you know that Copeland has several policies that will help parents and stakeholders better understand the IB Program at Copeland?

Admissions Policy – Grading Philosophy and Process

Inclusion Policy – Special Education

Language Policy – Development of Language

Technology Policy – Role of technology

Child Protection Policy – Ensuring the safety of our students

Admissions Policy – Enrollment requirements

Academic Honesty Policy – Safe and fair use

Policies are located on the website under the Parent tab – IB World School – IB Policies

Parent Question: This a frequent question asked by several parents.

What is inquiry and how can I help my child be an inquirer at home?

Children are naturally curious and are natural inquirers. Here are examples of what students naturally do. Keep in mind they do these at varying degrees depending on their maturity and grade level:

- Imagine and create roles, scenarios, and rules
- Plan
- Take initiative
- Feel curious
- Imagine
- Explore & Experiment
- Create, build, communicate, test, & adapt theories
- Predict
- Compare
- Persevere through trial & error.
- Draw conclusions
- Consider solutions
- Tell stories
- Take action
- Innovate
- Use resources

Here are some things parents can do to encourage children and use their natural inquiry skills to become better inquirers and develop their inquiry skills:

- Be intentional to ask them questions throughout your everyday activities at home.
- Challenge your child's thinking: Ask them why, who, and where questions while they are playing.
- Give them time to explore, wonder, build, and revise their theories.
- Model to them when you are trying to solve a problem or find out more about an interesting topic to you. (Let them observe you.)
- If you know a concept, scaffold it for your child to learn it. (Concepts are everywhere.)
- Support and help your child develop self-regulation. (They are young and will continue to learn this throughout their life.)
- Support other cultures within our community the best way you can.

