

Dear Hartsfield Family,

We are so glad you chose Hartsfield Magnet School for International Studies for your child's elementary education journey! HMSIS is an authorized IB World School offering the IB Primary Years Programme. Here we've provided you with information about our school's academic initiatives.

Our Mission

Hartsfield Magnet is a diverse School Family that embraces change. We are committed to providing a **rigorous** and **equitable** educational experience. It is our responsibility to produce students who are agents for their learning and are safe to grow academically, socially, and emotionally. To this end, we seek to facilitate an **inquiry-based** instructional delivery model that encourages collaboration and problem-solving. We promote **international mindedness** by developing the ability to connect with others in the interest of acting with compassion and serving the global community.

What is different about an IB PYP School?

What makes PYP schools unique is "how" students are taught, versus "what" students are taught. IB PYP schools strive to develop **internationally-minded** learners who are able to **understand themselves and others**, fostering the attributes necessary to thrive within a global society. The PYP focuses on the development of the whole child as an **engaged inquirer**, demonstrating agency (ownership) for their learning both in and outside of the classroom. In the PYP classroom, learning is **concept based** rather than topic based, taking place through a **transdisciplinary** lens. PYP Teachers also teach students multiple **Approaches to Learning (ATLs)**, so that learners are equipped with the skills essential to becoming lifelong learners. The ATLs are listed below.

Approaches to Learning	Descriptor
Social Skills	Developing positive interpersonal relationships and collaboration skills. Developing social-emotional intelligence.
Research Skills	Information Literacy Skills, Media Literacy Skills, Ethical Use of Media Information.
Thinking Skills	Critical-Thinking Skills, Creative Thinking Skills, Transfer skills, Reflection/Metacognitive skills.
Communication Skills	Exchanging Information Skills, Literacy Skills, ICT Skills
Self-Management Skills	Organization Skills, States of Mind

The aim of all IB Programmes is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world.

As an IB learner, your child will strive to exhibit the following **Learner Profile Attributes**:

- Inquirers
- Knowledgeable
- Thinkers
- Communicators
- Principled
- Open-Minded
- Caring
- Risk-Takers
- Balanced
- Reflection

This year, your child's grade level will be implementing six **Units of Inquiry** that fall under the following **Transdisciplinary Themes** (with the exception of PreK and K who will implement four units).

- Who We Are
- How We Express Ourselves
- Where We Are in Place and Time
- How the World Works
- How We Organize Ourselves
- Sharing the Planet

The IB is committed to making sure that students in IB programmes meet and exceed state standards. With the implementation of the Primary Years Programme, we are ensuring that the curriculum is aligned to the B.E.S.T. standards that guide instruction in Florida schools.

Wishing you well this year and beyond!

** 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 (DP), or the Career-related Programme (CP). For further information about the IB and its programmes visit <http://www.ibo.org>.*

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