## **Barack Obama Elementary School**



## A Great Place to See Excellence in Education

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Barack Obama Elementary School is a candidate school\* for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme and is pursing authorization as an IB World School.

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Working together to make it happen!

Barack Obama Students love learning!

**PYP Learner Profile:** 

- Inquirers
- Knowledgeable
- Global Thinkers
- Communicators
- Open-minded-
- Caring
- Principled
- Risk-Takers
- Balanced
- Reflective

#### What is the mission of the Barack Obama School?

At Barack Obama Elementary School, we support all learners through inquiry based learning experiences, community partnerships, and a nurturing environment designed to develop global citizens. At Barack Obama, we try our best, to do our best, to be our best.

# What is the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (PYP)?

The International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (PYP) is designed for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. The PYP is a uniquely international program that focuses on the total growth of the child. This embraces academic excellence, cultural awareness and promotes social, physical, emotional well being.

#### What is the PYP Learner Profile?

The learner profile represents a commitment to help all members of the school community learn to respect themselves, others and the world around them. These attributes describe a broad range of human capacities and responsibilities that go beyond academic success. We believe these 10 attributes and others like them, can help individuals and groups become responsible members of local, national and global communities.

#### Curriculum

The subject areas taught as part of the Barack Obama curriculum are:

- English Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Social Studies
- Science
- Art & Music
- ◆ Technology
- Personal, Social and Physical Education

#### **CUSTOM SOLUTIONS**



Key Concepts develop the inquiry and support the transdisciplinary themes.

Form: What is it like?

Function: How does it work?

**Causation:** Why is it like it is?

**Change:** How is it changing?

**Connection:** How is it connected to other

things?

**Perspective:** What are the points of view?

**Responsibility:** What is our responsibility?

**Reflection:** How do we know?





#### What are Transdisciplinary Themes?

Our students are curious about the world around them. The PYP curriculum allows our students to explore and develop as learners through the transdisciplinary themes. These themes allow students the opportunity to become familiar with the importance of being global thinkers.

### Transdisciplinary Themes

- Who We Are
- Where We are In Place and Time
- How We Express Ourselves
- How The World Works
- How We Organize Ourselves
- Sharing The Planet

#### How can I support My Child?

- Read to and with your child, and have your child read to you.
- Encourage your child to keep a journal of daily events.
- Keep books available to your child, and make regular trips to the public library.
- ♦ When you shop for groceries, have your child help you find items and then estimate the cost of the purchase.
- ♦ Talk to your child about the importance of education.
- Meet with your child's teachers regularly to monitor progress.
- Compliment your child's work and success in school.
- Make sure your child does each day's homework assignment.
- ♦ Set aside a quiet place for homework and set a regular time each day for it.





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