IB PYP for Kids
Why is McKinley an IB school?
Because....

- We believe in the power of you.
- We believe the world will need you.
International Mindedness

At McKinley, we guide you to be internationally minded with a love of learning.
Being an **International-minded** person means that you recognize that all people are humans sharing the planet Earth.

McKinley students strive to help create a better and more peaceful world.

You learn to appreciate other cultures and beliefs and try to become a person who demonstrates the characteristics shown in the **Learner Profile**.
Inquirers

They enjoy learning

Are curious

Ask questions to learn and know more
Thinkers

They

Use their minds to consider ideas

Work to find many solutions to challenging questions or problems

Make fair and good decisions
Communicators

They

Express their ideas confidently and creatively in many ways

Are able to think and speak in more than one language

Work together cooperatively and willingly
Risk-takers

They Develop the confidence to try new things

Explore new roles, ideas and strategies

Have the courage to express themselves
Knowledgeable

They

Think about ideas and learn about the world
Principled

They

Are fair and respectful to others

Are honest with themselves and others

Take responsibility for their actions and accept the consequences
Caring

They

Respect the needs and feelings of others

Take care of others and of the environment
Open-Minded

They

Listen to other people’s thoughts and ideas

Understand that people are different

Are open-minded to new things and experiences

Accept that there is more than one way of looking at things
Balanced

They understand the importance of study, exercise, relaxation and fun for keeping healthy.

Spend time doing many different things.
Reflective

They

Think about their own learning and experiences

Are interested in their own learning

Know their strengths and areas to improve
**Six Trans-disciplinary Themes**

1. **Who we are**
   - An exploration of the nature of the self; of our beliefs and values; of personal, physical, mental, social and spiritual health; of our families.

2. **Where we are in place and time**
   - An exploration of our orientation in place and time; of our personal histories; the discoveries, explorations and migrations of humankind.

3. **How the world works**
   - An exploration of the physical and material world; of natural and human-made phenomena; of the world of science and technology.

4. **How we express ourselves**
   - An exploration of the way which we discover and express our nature, ideas, feelings, beliefs and values through language and the arts.

5. **How we organise ourselves**
   - An exploration of human systems and communities; the structure and function of organisations; societal decision making; economic activities and their impact.

6. **Sharing the planet**
   - An exploration of rights and responsibilities in the struggle to share finite resources with other people; access to equal opportunities, peace and conflict resolution.
Trans-disciplinary Themes
IB Attitudes

**Integrity**
Being honest and demonstrating fairness.

**Empathy**
Being understanding by imagining yourself in another's situation and showing you are open-minded and reflective about the opinions of other people.

**Appreciation**
Appreciating the wonder and beauty of the world and its people.

**Commitment**
Being committed to learning. Persevering and showing self-discipline and responsibility.

**Independence**
Thinking and acting independently. Making your own judgments after hearing all opinions, and being able to defend your own opinions.

**Enthusiasm**
Enjoying learning and putting lots of effort into activities.

**Cooperation**
Being happy to cooperate, collaborate, lead or follow depending on the situation.

**Curiosity**
Being curious about learning, the world, its people and cultures.

**Confidence**
Feeling confident in your ability and having the courage to take risks. Applying what you have learned and making appropriate decisions and choices.

**Respect**
Respecting yourself, others and the world around you.

**Tolerance**
Being sensitive about differences and diversity in the world and the needs of others.

**Creativity**
Being creative and imaginative in your approach to activities, problems and dilemmas.
McKinley's Trans-disciplinary Skills

Thinking Research Social Communication Self-Management
McKinley taking Action

Pinwheels for Peace

5th Grade Exhibition
More McKinley Action

Garden of Kindness
Matsiko World Choir
Make a Wish Foundation
Locks of Love
McKinley Students Inquire
Uncovering Key Concepts

- responsibility
- reflection
- causation
- connection
- form
- perspective
- change
- function
At McKinley we want you to be curious, and learn real life situations.
McKinley IB students hold the world in their hands.