



# Massey Ranch Elementary IB World School

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## **What is IB? What is PYP?**

Massey Ranch became authorized by IBO as an International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme school in 2010 after exploring, researching and training for the first five years. Massey Ranch is the only IB PYP Elementary school in Pearland ISD. We are very proud of that and you should be too!

## **What makes Massey Ranch IB teaching different?**

1. Not a curriculum—It's an approach to learning we use. It's who we are!
2. We use an inquiry approach to learning. Instead of providing students with the answers, we teach them to ask questions. All students will learn to see, think and wonder through many experiences and activities. Fourth graders will complete a culminating exhibition in the spring to showcase their research.
3. We have IB learner Profiles –much like character traits that we incorporate daily so that students can learn to appreciate themselves and others while striving for excellence in their own learning.
4. We also help children develop a world citizen attitude. In other words, we want them to be internationally minded.  
Students will become aware that the world is much bigger than the community we live in. They will learn to appreciate their own culture as well as be accepting of the culture of others.
5. There will be an additional focus on the arts and language through music, art and a second language of Spanish.
6. A large part of being an IB student and world citizen is learning to take action. We will teach and encourage students to take action at school, home, and in the community. Action can be helping in a nursing home, helping to clean for a party, caring for an ill friend, or donating to a charity. Showing action is endless. Please snap a photo and write about it. I will add it to our action board in the main hallway.

There is a whole lot more to IB, but you will find out more over the coming months. Stay tuned and welcome to the 2020-2021 school year!