



## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) about the Primary Years Program**

Concordian International School began implementing the Primary Years Program in September 2001 and is fully authorized by the International Baccalaureate Organization.

### ***What is the Primary Years Program?***

The International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (IB-PYP) is an international curriculum for children in Early Years to Grade 5. The curriculum focuses on the development of the whole child in all areas of learning. The PYP approach encompasses social, emotional, physical and cultural needs as well as supporting a strong academic program for all students. Please visit: [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org) for further details.

### ***What will my child learn?***

The PYP is a transdisciplinary curriculum, which draws the individual disciplines (subject areas) together into a coherent whole, while preserving the essence of each subject.

Your child will:

- develop a deep understanding of important concepts;
- conduct research into knowledge which has local and global significance;
- acquire and practice a range of essential skills;
- be encouraged to develop positive attitudes towards learning, the environment and other people;
- have the opportunity for involvement in responsible action and social service.

### ***How will I know how my child is doing?***

The PYP uses a range of assessment strategies, which are designed to give a clear picture of your child's progress. This progress will be reported to you regularly, both verbally and in writing. You are encouraged to play an active role in supporting your child's learning.

### ***How can I support my child's learning?***

The PYP views learning as a partnership between student, parent and school.

You can help your child by:

- maintaining regular contact with the school;
- sharing books with your child;
- encouraging your child to work on projects at home;
- attending curriculum information sessions at school and parent/teacher conferences and child-led conferences;
- providing an appropriate setting and structured routine for doing homework;
- showing interest in your child's learning.