



IB Basics Parent Session International Mindedness

IB Students

will grow up to be global leaders of the future!
They will need a remarkable insight into people and cultures across the world, and a concern for the well-being of the world community.



The aim of all IB Programmes

Is to develop internationally minded people who recognize their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet

Central to this aim is **International Mindedness**

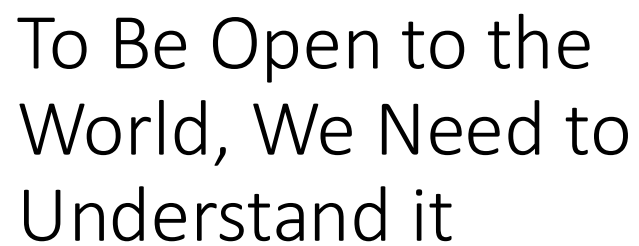


International Baccalaureate®
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International Mindedness

"is an attitude of openness to, and curiosity about, the world and different cultures. It is concerned with developing a deep understanding of the complexity, diversity, and motives of human actions and interactions. ... Intercultural understanding and cooperation have never been more important and lie at the heart of the IB mission statement and learner profile".





- IB programmes provide students with opportunities for sustained inquiry into a range of local and global issues and ideas
- This willingness to see beyond immediate situations and boundaries is essential as globalization and emerging technologies continue to blur traditional distinctions between the local, national, and international



IB Education Fosters International Mindedness

- By helping students reflect on their own perspective, culture and identities, as well as those of others
- By engaging with diverse beliefs, values and experiences
- By learning to think, collaborate across cultures and disciplines, IB learners gain the understanding necessary to make progress towards a more peaceful world

Multilingualism

- An IB education enhances the development of international-mindedness through multilingualism.
- All IB programmes require students to study more than one language.
- We believe that communicating in more than one language helps students to appreciate that his or her own language, culture and world view are just one of many.
- We provide opportunities to develop intercultural understanding and respect





Opportunities for Students



- IB World Schools create opportunities for students to explore their role and their understanding of global issues outside the classroom context
- Opportunities for trips within our state, country, and internationally
- Targeted and relevant extra-curricular offerings that promote leadership and international consciousness

Global Engagement and Service

- These challenge students to critically consider power and privilege, and to recognize that they hold this planet and its resources in trust for future generations
- Highlight the focus on ACTION; moving beyond awareness and understanding to engagement, action and bringing about meaningful change to make a more peaceful and sustainable world for everyone





Global Contexts

- Students learn best when their experiences have context and are connected to their lives and their experiences of the world
- Using global contexts, MYP students develop an understanding of their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet

Global Goals

In 2015, the United Nations developed 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a “shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future” to be achieved by 2030.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



It is through educational experiences that students can develop a sense of international-mindedness, which give them competences to exercise influence on problems facing the world.



Just a few of the Experiences at Walker...

- Field Experiences: Kennedy Space Center, Nature's Classroom, USF Engineering EXPO
- Sports: Basketball, Volleyball, Track, Soccer, Flag Football
- District, State, and National Competitions: Art, Band, Orchestra, Robotics, Science, STEM, Math, FBLA, Invention Convention
- International Family Travel Opportunities





Community Engagement: Service As Action at Walker

Students take action when they apply what they are learning in the classroom and beyond.

The expectation is that all students will participate in service every year.

All students will design their own Community Service Project in Year 3.

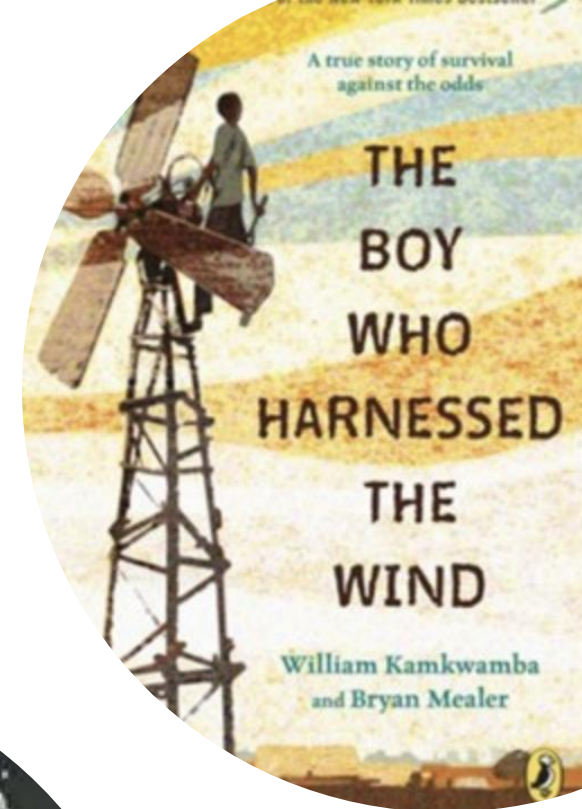
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- Working Language and Language of Instruction: English
- Access Language: Spanish
We provide translations to district documents in Spanish
- Language Acquisition: Spanish and French

Walker's Summer Reading & Interdisciplinary Unit

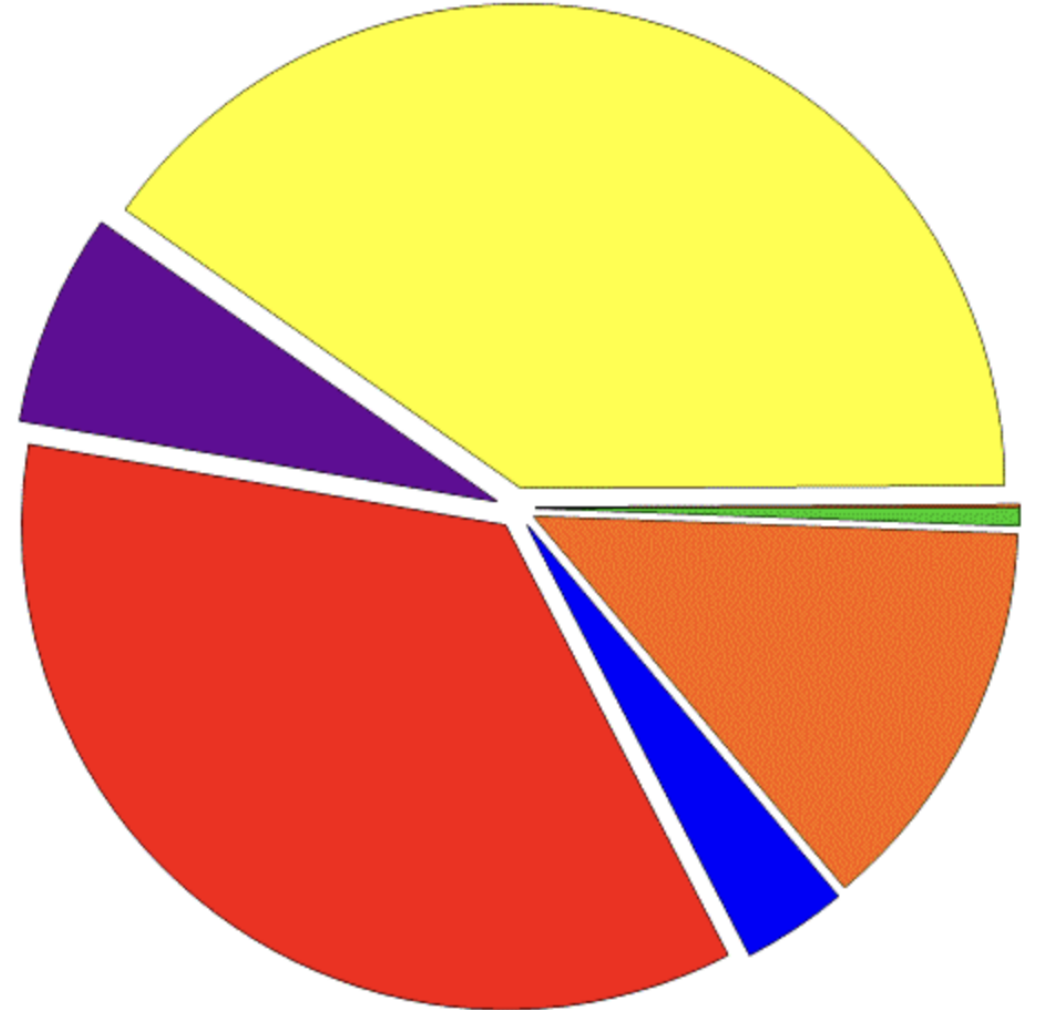
- The process of international-mindedness requires a consciously constructed curriculum to reflect international and multi-cultural perspectives.
- Walker's Summer Reading rolls into an Interdisciplinary Unit connecting all 8 MYP subjects to the book read by each Year with an overarching theme focused on local, global, and future concerns regarding our access to water.



Walker's Ethnic Demographics

Demographic Breakdown

American Indian Or Alaskan Native	6	0.6%
Asian	137	13.3%
Black Or African American	36	3.5%
Hispanic	363	35.3%
Multiracial	73	7.1%
White	413	40.1%
Native Hawaiian Or Pacific Islander	1	0.1%
Total	1,029	100.0%



Walker's Home Language Demographics

Demographic Breakdown

Albanian, Shqip	2	0.2%
Arabic	5	0.5%
Bulgarian	2	0.2%
Chinese, Zhongwen	7	0.7%
English	736	71.5%
Farsi, Persian	1	0.1%
French	1	0.1%
German	3	0.3%
Greek	1	0.1%
Gujarati	8	0.8%
Hindi	5	0.5%
Hmong	1	0.1%
Indonesian, Bahasa I	1	0.1%
Italian	1	0.1%
Japanese, Nihongo	3	0.3%
Kannada	3	0.3%
Korean, Choson-O	1	0.1%
Malayalam	1	0.1%
Mandarin	1	0.1%
Marathi	4	0.4%
Nepali	3	0.3%
Oriya	1	0.1%
Panjabi, Punjabi	1	0.1%
Polish	2	0.2%
Portuguese	11	1.1%
Russian	3	0.3%
Sinhala	2	0.2%
Spanish	175	17.0%
Tamil	7	0.7%
Telugu	13	1.3%
Thai	3	0.3%
Turkish	1	0.1%
Vietnamese	20	1.9%
Total	1,029	100.0%

33 different
languages spoken in
our homes



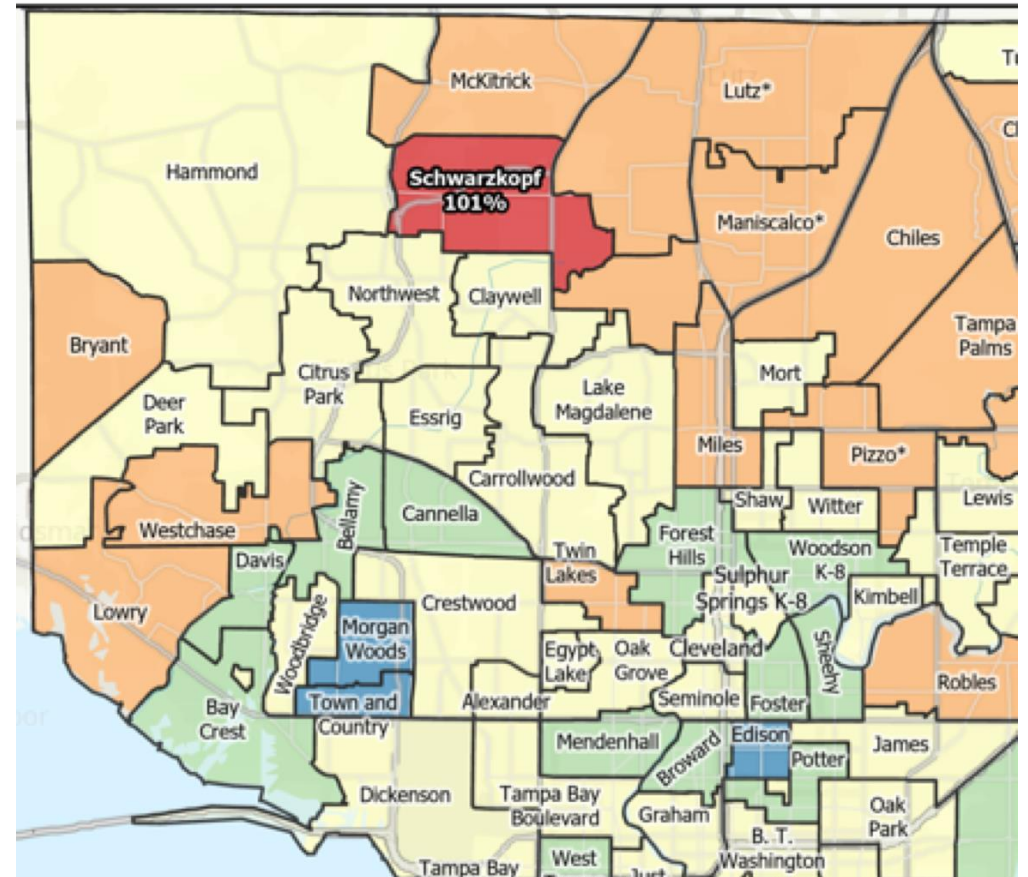
Walker's Zip Codes and Elementary Schools

Demographic Breakdown

33545	2	0.2%
33548	12	1.2%
33549	5	0.5%
33556	153	14.9%
33558	74	7.2%
33559	5	0.5%
33584	1	0.1%
33603	2	0.2%
33604	9	0.9%
33607	2	0.2%
33609	1	0.1%
33612	10	1.0%
33613	18	1.7%
33614	28	2.7%
33615	50	4.9%
33617	2	0.2%
33618	48	4.7%
33624	211	20.5%
33625	156	15.2%
33626	182	17.7%
33629	1	0.1%
33634	23	2.2%
33635	20	1.9%
33647	4	0.4%
33688	1	0.1%
34609	1	0.1%
34610	1	0.1%
34638	6	0.6%
34653	1	0.1%
Total	1,029	100.0%

29 Zip Codes

60-70 Schools





2025-2026

Ways to Get Involved

International Day of Peace – September 21



Celebrate our Diverse School Community

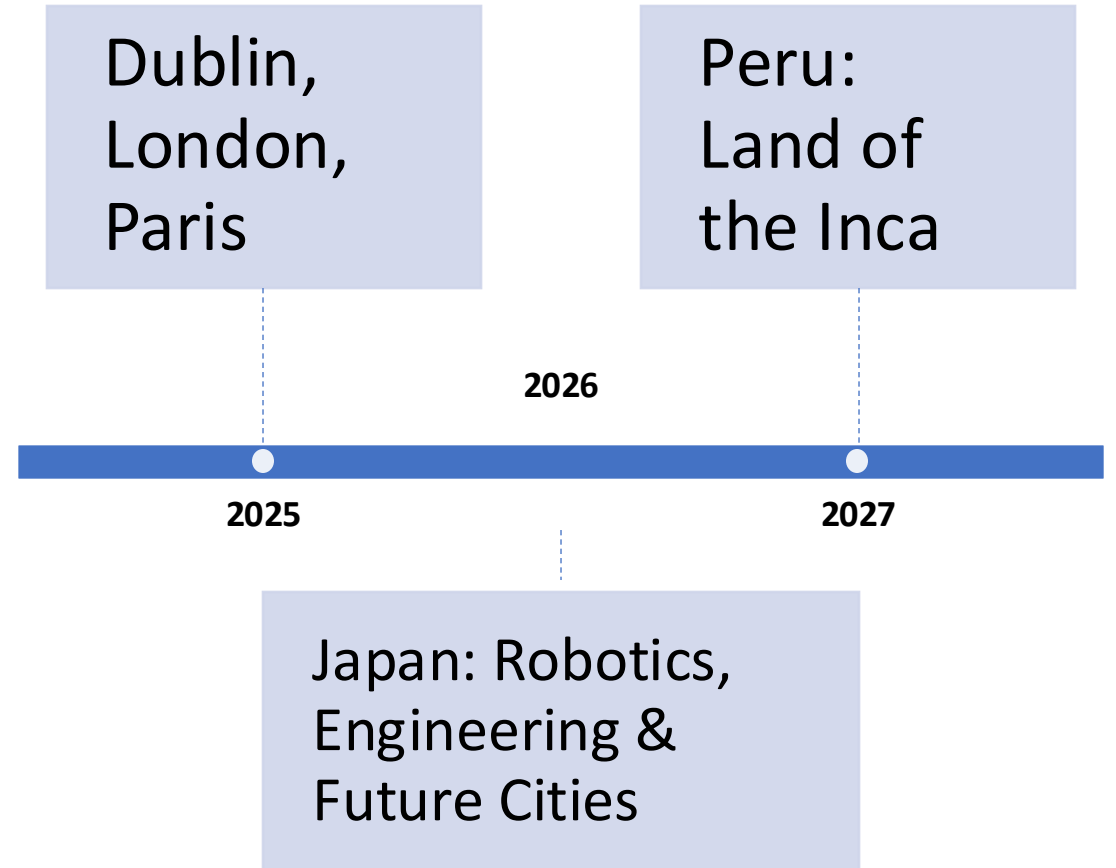
Great American Teach In

- Share your Career; share your life, with children. Come talk about your job or hobby...set a good example.
- We want to fill our day with international guest speakers sharing a wide variety of experiences, hobbies and careers! You can come for one period or stay the whole day!
- This event is not restricted to parents! Please share this information with family members, friends, neighbors, local business owners, organizations etc.

International Festival

- Celebrate the Multicultural Diversity of our International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme!
- Our vision is to share the cultures of our Walker families through food, music, art, dance performances, activities, and student research projects.
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International Travel



IB in the News

FL Lawmakers propose bill that could cut funding to higher level courses like IB, AICE, AP

<https://www.floridapolicy.org/posts/florida-lawmakers-should-preserve-funding-for-students-in-advanced-academics-and-career-and-technical-education-classes>