



## What is a School of International Studies?

Diamond Path's vision is: *A society of life long learners building a global perspective for a better world.* Our school is a place where children develop unique ways of contemplating the world around them. Students receive a rigorous and diverse education helping them to be creative, understand different cultures, embrace challenges, and thrive into today's world. Our classroom teachers connect curriculum to global ideas and use an international focus to help students to become responsible world citizens and develop attitudes of acceptance and cooperation. The study of a world language (either Mandarin Chinese or Spanish) is a key component in achieving our vision.

### At the core...

All District 196 elementary schools offer the same rigorous core curriculum in reading, writing, math, science and social studies. At Diamond Path, these important areas are an essential part of each student's day.

**Literacy** includes reading, writing, listening, speaking, word study and handwriting. Knowledge and skills are acquired through connected experiences between home, school and community.

**Math** instruction integrates concepts such as numbers and operations, algebra, geometry, measurement, data analysis and probability. Students engage in problem solving, reasoning and communicating ideas while making connections to the world around them.

#### Diamond Path Elementary – School of International Studies

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Educating our students to reach their full potential

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# Diamond Path Elementary

Where students meet the world

Donde los estudiantes encuentran al mundo

学生与世界相会

SCHOOL DISTRICT 196  
**MAGNET**  
school

## *International Perspective Throughout the Curriculum...*

**Classroom learning** - The international studies theme is woven into classroom learning throughout the core curriculum areas of literacy, math, science, and social studies. Six themes of global significance help children engage with their own world and the world around them:

- Who We Are
- Sharing the Planet
- Where We Are in Place and Time
- How the World Works
- How We Organize Ourselves
- How We Express Ourselves

**Science** units teach the required District curriculum with an added global perspective. Our science lessons include in-depth content using inquiry, observation, and analysis.

**Social studies** units provide opportunities for students to expand their knowledge of our ever-changing and interdependent world. Students also build geographical knowledge as they develop an international perspective.



**World Languages** - Students select either Spanish or Mandarin Chinese and receive 90 minutes of world language instruction each week (kindergarten has 60 minutes). The primary focus is to work on increasing understanding, listening, speaking, and cultural awareness while acquiring increasing levels of proficiency as students progress from one grade to the next. Our program uses the national standards of world language education: communication, cultures, connections, comparisons and communities.

**Art** classes allow students to explore the areas of expression, imagination and creation. Students learn the why and how of creating art by studying artists and cultures from ancient to contemporary times. Media classes use storytelling, research and investigation to teach about people, places, and cultures. Students have access to a large collection of library materials, many emphasizing various cultures, along with numerous research databases. Media lessons are integrated with the classroom curriculum.

**Music** classes engage students by learning songs and using instruments from around the world to grow in musical knowledge, skills, and appreciation. Students actively participate as listeners, performers, composers, and improvisers.

**Technology** is vital to helping our students learn and understand themselves and the world. Our school puts 21st century technology into the hands of our students through desktop computers, a laptop mobile lab, and opportunities for webconferencing. Classrooms are all equipped with LCD projectors and interactive SMART boards, and teachers receive ongoing professional development in the use of technology.

