



## **Our mission**

At DES Middle School, we continue the journey of nurturing confident, inquiring and creative individuals, building upon the strong foundation laid at DES Primary School. Our mission is to inspire young minds through a dynamic and comprehensive curriculum that emphasizes Learning through Discovery, Individual Exploration, Promoting Agency, Intellectual Growth, Critical Reflection, and Collaboration.

We believe in fostering a learning environment that honors uniqueness and encourages each student to flourish, not only academically but also in their emotional, physical, social, moral, and cultural development. Through this holistic approach to education, we empower our students to be open-minded, curious, and compassionate individuals who embrace the diversity of the world. Our goal is to foster students who are internationally minded, embracing diverse perspectives, promoting global citizenship, and fostering cross-cultural understanding, reflecting the values of the International Baccalaureate.

We are dedicated to cultivating students who are not only academically proficient but also joyful learners. We are committed to providing a school environment where they feel secure and content, enabling them to explore their own identities and the diverse world around them.

## **Our vision**

At DES Middle School, we strive to prepare students to be active, lifelong learners who embrace curiosity and take ownership of their learning journey. As a MYP Candidate school\*, our aim is for students to embody the values of the IB profiles, manifesting characteristics such as being inquirers, critical thinkers, effective communicators, principled individuals, open-minded collaborators, caring community members, risk-takers, maintaining a balanced approach, and engaging in reflective practices.

Our goal is to nurture individuals who are not just passive observers but are actively engaged in the improvement of our global society. We aspire for our students to become compassionate global citizens who have the determination to effect positive change in the world. They will be well-prepared to step forward as proactive advocates for global issues, while also maintaining a sense of balance and harmony within themselves.

In summary, DES Middle School strives to empower students to be happy, confident, and empathetic individuals, ready to embrace the challenges and opportunities of the world and become formidable agents of positive change.

## **Vision Statement**

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\*DES Middle School is a candidate school for the MYP. This school is pursuing authorization as an IB World School. IB World Schools share a common philosophy- a commitment to high-quality, challenging, international education- that we believe is important for our students. Only schools authorized by the IB Organization can offer any of its four academic programmes: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), the Diploma Programme (DP), or the Career-related Programme (CP). Candidate status gives no guarantee that authorization will be granted.