

III. Abstract

Diamond Path Elementary School of International Studies is a whole-school magnet where students develop an understanding of the world's people, places, wonders, and challenges. Our school's vision is: A society of life-long learners building a global perspective for a better world. 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 immediate world and the larger world around them. Additional theme connections are made in art, music, the media center, and technology.

All students study either Spanish or Mandarin Chinese following the Foreign Language in the Elementary School (FLES) model of instruction (90 minutes of instruction a week). The primary focus of language instruction is to build communicative skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing, while developing cultural awareness.

Students receive a rigorous and diverse education helping them to become creative inquirers, understand different cultures, embrace challenges, and thrive in today's world. Our teachers connect curriculum to global ideas and use an international focus to help students become responsible world citizens and develop attitudes of acceptance and cooperation.

At Diamond Path, we are building leaders for our increasingly global world.