

■ We are citizens of the world ■

Northwood Elementary is a community of learners committed to the education of all students with the outcome being proficient, responsible, contributing and ethical citizens.



**Northwood** Elementary School  
Prospective International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme

We strive to be "citizens of the world." We encourage all children to reach their full potential. With the support of our families and community, Northwood provides an enriching educational experience for all children.

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# northwood offers:

**Character Education**

**Northwood Notables:  
fourth- and fifth-grade chorus group**

**Continental Math League**

**Writing and Reading Specialists**

**Student Safety Patrols**

**Curriculum Nights**

**Advanced Learners after-school  
extension programs**

**Special Olympics**

**Response to Intervention**

**Bright Ideas**

## what is the primary years programme?

The Primary Years Programme (PYP) was developed by educators from around the world. It emphasizes internationalism and identifies what students from all cultures should learn in six subject areas: languages, social studies, mathematics, science and technology, the arts and personal, social and physical education.

Northwood Elementary uses the North Carolina Standard Course of Study and the Guilford County curriculum. Teachers, however, use the Primary Years approach to organize and teach that curriculum through carefully planned and approved units of inquiry. The goal of the International Baccalaureate PYP is to develop learners who become inquirers, critical thinkers, communicators and risk-takers who are knowledgeable, principled, caring, open-minded and balanced.

A structured inquiry approach to learning is the basis of the program. Students learn to ask and formulate answers to meaningful questions. Teams of teachers, including art, music and physical education specialists, develop units of inquiry that provide significant, relevant and challenging learning experiences across the curriculum. Community service opportunities and activities promote caring and responsible attitudes among students.

## technology

Each classroom has three computers, a networked printer, a VCR and a television which is also used as a computer monitor. The computer lab has 29 computers, as well as a laser printer.

Our computers have several software programs such as Study Island, an interactive research-based program designed to improve achievement in reading and math. Other software programs such as Ultra Key, Orchard and KidPix are used to enhance and integrate technology throughout the curriculum.

## media center

Our media center has more than 8,000 books with automated circulation. There are nine computers in the media center, as well as a laser printer. Through the media center, we can share television programming with selected or all televisions in the school. We also have the Carousel Bulletin Board which allows us to televise announcements and upcoming events.

## chinese instruction grades K-5

In keeping with the international focus of PYP, students are required to learn a language other than the language used for instruction in the school they attend. At Northwood Elementary, all students receive instruction in Chinese 45 minutes a week by a visiting international teacher. Students learn Chinese vocabulary and explore the culture and history of China.

## parent teacher association (PTA)

We have an active PTA program at Northwood Elementary. Our PTA is involved in fundraising, teacher appreciation projects and providing school supplies for the classrooms. We are thankful to have such an active and dedicated group of parents. Our children reap the benefits of the PTA's support.

## tutors

Northwood has a dedicated group of tutors who provide individual and small group instruction during the school day. We also have after-school extended learning two afternoons a week for those students who could benefit from the extra learning time. Northwood employs a Community in Schools liaison that connects our school and families to community resources.

## after school enrichment services (ACES)

ACES is available for those students who need after-school care. Students spend their time doing homework, working in the computer lab and participating in recreational activities. The ACES program is available until 6 p.m. on school days and teacher workdays. There is a fee for this program.

For more information about the Northwood Prospective PYP, visit the Guilford County Schools Web site at [www.gcsnc.com/magnet](http://www.gcsnc.com/magnet).