



Elizabeth Hall International Elementary School

IB World School since February 2007

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Demographics 2006/2007:

291 students

85% African American

9% Asian American

5% European American

2% Hispanic American

2% Native American

Elizabeth Hall International Elementary School was authorized as an IB World School in February 2007. It is a magnet school serving all of north Minneapolis. This programme is open to all students and has no test criteria upon which admittance is based. Bus service is provided to all students who live on the north side of the Minneapolis Public School District. Others who wish to enroll from outside this area may do so if they provide transportation for their child.

Elizabeth Hall International Elementary School considers the classroom a public place. Highly regarded teachers collaborate to share, refine and implement the most effective instructional methods. There is a strong collegial atmosphere as teachers strive to improve their practice through coaching, mentoring (TAP) and reflection. Our resource model is truly collaborative as two licensed teachers share the same space and responsibility for providing instruction in order to positively impact student achievement. The powerful inquiry process provides meaningful and diverse opportunities for each student to work to his or her full potential and to simultaneously receive the degree of support necessary for each one to be successful.

A global perspective in IB requires students to be inquirers, critical thinkers, communicators, risk-takers, caring, open-minded, knowledgeable, balanced, principled, and reflective. We strive to nurture within our students a powerful awareness of the roles and responsibilities of all human beings. Part of being an international person is knowing how to communicate in a world language other than English. At Elizabeth Hall our world language is Mandarin Chinese. Students receive instruction from a full time licensed teacher in Mandarin Chinese twice a week beginning in Pre-K.

K-12 International Baccalaureate Pathway

Minneapolis offers a K-12 pathway to the children who live on the north side of Minneapolis. The Primary Years Programme at Elizabeth Hall International, the Middle Years Programme at Northeast Middle School and the Diploma Programme at Patrick Henry High School. There is a pathway for south Minneapolis as well. These two pathways provide the opportunity for all children in Minneapolis Public Schools to choose an International Baccalaureate Programme.

Program Offerings at Elizabeth Hall International Elementary School:

- Minneapolis Public Schools Northside Initiative provides for smaller class sizes in Kindergarten through 3rd Grade (21)
- Full Day Kindergarten for all our students at no cost to families
- Pre-Kindergarten
- Chinese World Language for all students
- Specialists in P.E., Art, Media/Technology & Music
- Strings Program
- Options classes for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students
- English Language Learner Program
- Mother Tongue clubs for our English Language Learners
- Special Education Program
- Resource model provides additional teacher support during reading and math
- On-going job embedded professional development
- Teacher Advancement Program site (TAP)
- Volunteers
- Early start time

Awards/Accomplishments of Elizabeth Hall International Elementary School

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| Minneapolis Public Schools Quality Performance Award | 2001 |
| Minneapolis Beat the Odds School | 2002 |
| Minnesota Reading Excellence Act Grant | 2002-2004 |
| Magnet Schools of America Grant \$1.1Million | 2004-2007 |
| International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme Prospective School | 2004 |
| Made Adequate Yearly Progress according to No Child Left Behind | 2004-2005 |
| International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme Candidate School | 2005 |
| Made Adequate Yearly Progress according to No Child Left Behind | 2005-2006 |
| Quality Compensation Grant for Teacher Advancement Program \$45,000 | 2005-2006 |
| International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme Applicant School | 2006 2007 |
| International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme Authorized World School | Feb 2007 |
| Recognized for Excellence in Reading Instruction by University of Minnesota | 2006/2007 |