



# Goodrell Middle School

## An International Baccalaureate World School



### GMS IB Overview

**Goodrell Middle School is an authorized IB World School** for the Middle Years Programme. IB schools share a common philosophy—a commitment to high quality, challenging, international education that Goodrell Middle School believes is important for our students.

As an IB World School, our student must take a rigorous program of study encompassing eight areas: Language and Literature (language arts), Individuals and Societies (global studies and civics), Mathematics, Science, Arts (visual arts and vocal and instrumental music), Physical and Health Education, and Design (Family and Consumer Science and Technology). Although international in scope, IB aligns and utilizes both state of Iowa and national standards.

#### The IB Mission Statement:

The International Baccalaureate® aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

If you any questions about our IB program, please feel free to contact our IB coordinator Christy Kuhl at [christy.kuhl@dmschools.org](mailto:christy.kuhl@dmschools.org)

For further information about the IB, its history and its programs, visit <http://www.ibo.org> and

<http://www.dmschools.org/academics/programs/international-baccalaureate/>

### LEARNER PROFILES

Informed by the International Baccalaureate (IB) mission to develop active, compassionate and lifelong learners, the IB program fosters a distinctive set of attributes. At GMS, we embody these qualities in the IB learner profile in order to prepare students to make exceptional contributions in our community.

Each month, we select an IB Learner Profile attribute to focus on. Staff nominate students who are demonstrating that Learner Profile and we share those nominations with the GMS community. The 10 attributes are:

- \*Principled
- \*Open-Minded
- \*Risk-Taker
- \*Knowledgeable
- \*Caring
- \*Thinker
- \*Balanced
- \*Inquirer
- \*Reflective
- \*Communicator



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### GMS TAKES ACTION

Action and service have always been shared values of the IB community. At GMS, students take action when they apply what they are learning in the classroom and beyond. IB learners strive to be caring members of the community who demonstrate a commitment to service—making a positive difference to the lives of others and to the environment. Please ask your students what positive actions they have taken so far this year! We will continue to strengthen our service in action practices with the following efforts:

- ACTION boards posted around the school demonstrating student and staff led action towards making the world a better place
- Community Project opportunities for each student. These opportunities will be structured at each grade level to give students the skills they need to complete a service in action project in their 8<sup>th</sup> Grade year.
- Family Action: opportunities for students and families to join together with other GMS families to take action outside of the school day.

More specific information and steps will be provided in the next newsletter related to these goals. As always, we work towards our mission and vision:

#### Vision

Educating the whole child, every way, every day.

#### Mission

We strive to empower our community to take pride in Goodrell by showing resiliency, flexibility, and open-mindedness.

We exist to prepare our students to be globally aware, informed, and inspired members of our community.

We accomplish this by building relationships and providing engaging opportunities for all community members.



### RECOGNIZING FAMILIES

During the month of March, we will be recognizing students who are demonstrating the BALANCED learner profile attribute. These students understand the importance of balancing different aspects of our lives- intellectual, physical, and emotional- to achieve well-being for themselves and others.

We would also like to recognize families, parents, and guardians that are demonstrating the BALANCED learner profile attribute. Staff and students will be given the opportunity to nominate families. These nominations will be posted in our main hallway and families will be notified when a nomination has been made. We want to recognize those outside our walls that are supporting our students' successes and thank you for all you do!

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