



# Mildred Helms Elementary

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Mildred Helms is committed to developing knowledgeable, inquiring, and caring lifelong learners within an intellectually challenging, transdisciplinary program emphasizing international-mindedness.

## How We Express Ourselves

- IB Primary Years Programme grades PK-5 since 2016
- 2024 FL Dept. of Education "A" rated school
- 2022 - 2024 Magnet Schools of America School of Distinction
- International Mindedness through our Learner Profile Attributes
- Weekly Spanish Class for VPK through Fifth grade students
- Community Action Projects
- STEM Explorers Club
- Gifted & Talented Program onsite
- iMHES Student Produced News Program
- Student Portfolios
- Two-time Boys Battle of the Book Winners
- Countywide Chorus participants
- Countywide student art exhibition award winners

## How the World Works

- Late application period open through December 31, 2024
- Apply online for 2025-2026 school year by January 17, 2025

## How We Organize Ourselves

Magnet seats are available for Kindergarten through 5th grade students living in the Middle School Mid County application area.

## Sharing the Planet

Teachers, students, and parents work together to develop themselves as citizens of the world who celebrate our commonalities across the globe and respect the differences between our cultures. We learn through inquiry and that there may be more than one right way to do something. We become critical and reflective learners who are prepared for college and careers.

# 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.

## International Mindedness

- Risk-Takers (Arriesgados)
- Inquirers (Inquiridor)
- Balanced (Equilbrado)
- Principled (Con Principios)
- Knowledgeable (Sabio)
- Thinkers (Pensadores)
- Reflective (Reflexivo)
- Open-Minded (Abierto a Nuevas Ideas)
- Communicators (Comunicadores)
- Caring (Bondadoso)

## Three IB Programs

	PYP	MYP	DP
<b>Nature</b>	Framework Inclusive	Framework Inclusive	Prescribed curriculum aimed at preparing students for higher education
<b>Structure</b>	Transdisciplinary units of inquiry	Organized around disciplines with interdisciplinary global contexts for inquiry	Organized around disciplines with theory of knowledge connecting the disciplines
<b>How Programme is Assessed</b>	Internal assessment of all aspects of a student's learning	Internal assessment based on subject specific criteria; schools can opt for external moderations of teachers' internal assessment	External moderation of internally assessed work and external examinations
<b>Learning to Learn</b>	Approaches to learning and concepts	Approaches to learning and concepts	Theory of knowledge
<b>Learning through Experience</b>	Action	Community and service	Creativity, action, service
<b>Language Learning</b>	Support for mother tongue development School's additional language from age 7	Support for mother tongue/best language development Student's additional language (language B)	Support for mother tongue development: school supported, self-taught language courses Student's additional language (language B)
<b>Culminating Experience that Synthesizes Learning</b>	Exhibition	Community Project	Extended Essay