

# Stowers Elementary- an International Baccalaureate School

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# Stowers

- What is a magnet school?
- What is an International Baccalaureate school?
- Do we have IB schools in Taiwan?
- The Classroom Buildings of Stowers
- Other programs/activities in Stowers



# What is Stower special for?

- It is a magnet school of International studies.
  - “A Magnet School is one that is chosen by its district and the federal government to receive extra funding, equipment, teachers, and training to “specialize” in a chosen field or two”  
(<http://www.abcusdmagnetschools.com/>).

# What is the International program in Stowers?

- the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (IB-PYP)
  - PYP (3-12)
  - MYP (11-16)
  - DP (16-19)
- The IB PYP video
  - <http://www.ibo.org/pyp/>



# IB-PYP

- Perspective
- Attitudes
- Curriculum
- Concepts
- Skills
- Action
- Learner Profile
- Assessments

# Perspective

- Internationalism
  - to cultivate students into international citizens
- In Stowers
  - Spanish



# Attitudes

- Appreciation
- Commitment
- Confidence
- Cooperation
- Creativity
- Curiosity
- Empathy
- Enthusiasm
- Independence
- Integrity
- Respect
- Tolerance

# Curriculum

- Who we are
- How the world works
- Sharing the planet
- How we organize ourselves
- How we express ourselves
- Where we are in time and place
  - ▣ [Example \(I-Shou\)](#)



# Concepts

Concepts:		Questions:
Form	→	What is it like?
Function	→	How does it work?
Causation	→	Why is it like it is?
Change	→	How is it changing?
Connection	→	How is it connected to other things?
Perspective	→	What are the points of view?
Responsibility	→	What is our responsibility?
Reflection	→	How do we know?

# Skills

- Social skills
- Communication skills
- Thinking skills
- Research skills
- Self-management skills



# Action



# Learner Profile

- Inquirers
- Thinkers
- Communicators
- Risk-takers
- Knowledgeable
- Principled
- Caring
- Open-minded
- Balanced
- Reflective

□ <http://www.ibo.org/programmes/profile/>



# Assessments

- Unit Reflection [A](#) [B](#)
- Exhibition
  - Students have to present what they have learned on their final year of the PYP. They are going to use the learned skills to propose solutions for selected worldwide real issues.

# Do we have IB schools in Taiwan?

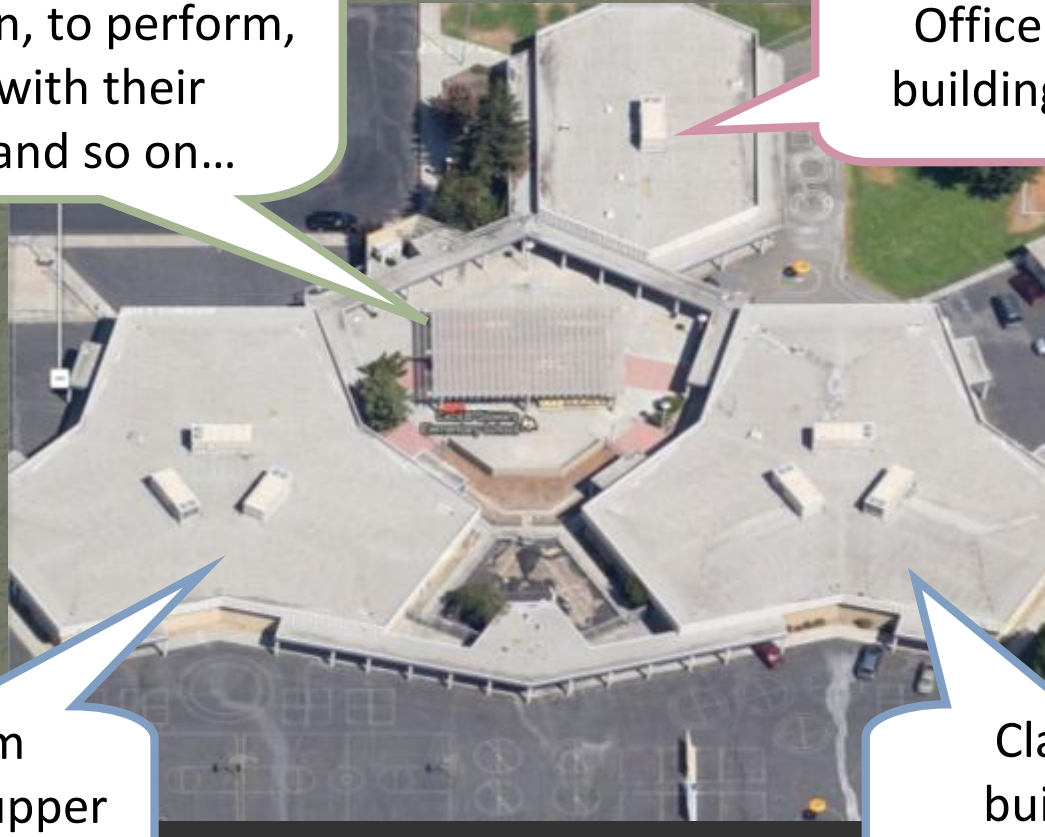
- I-Shou International School  
<http://www.isis.ks.edu.tw/>



# The Classroom buildings of Stowers

A court for students to have lunch, to have exhibition, to perform, to study with their buddies and so on...

Office building



Classroom building for upper grade

Classroom building for primary grade

# Inside the building

- [Saloon](#)
- [Classrooms](#)
- hallways
- Library
- Computer room
- Conference rooms
- [Fancy restroom](#)
- [Aids room](#)



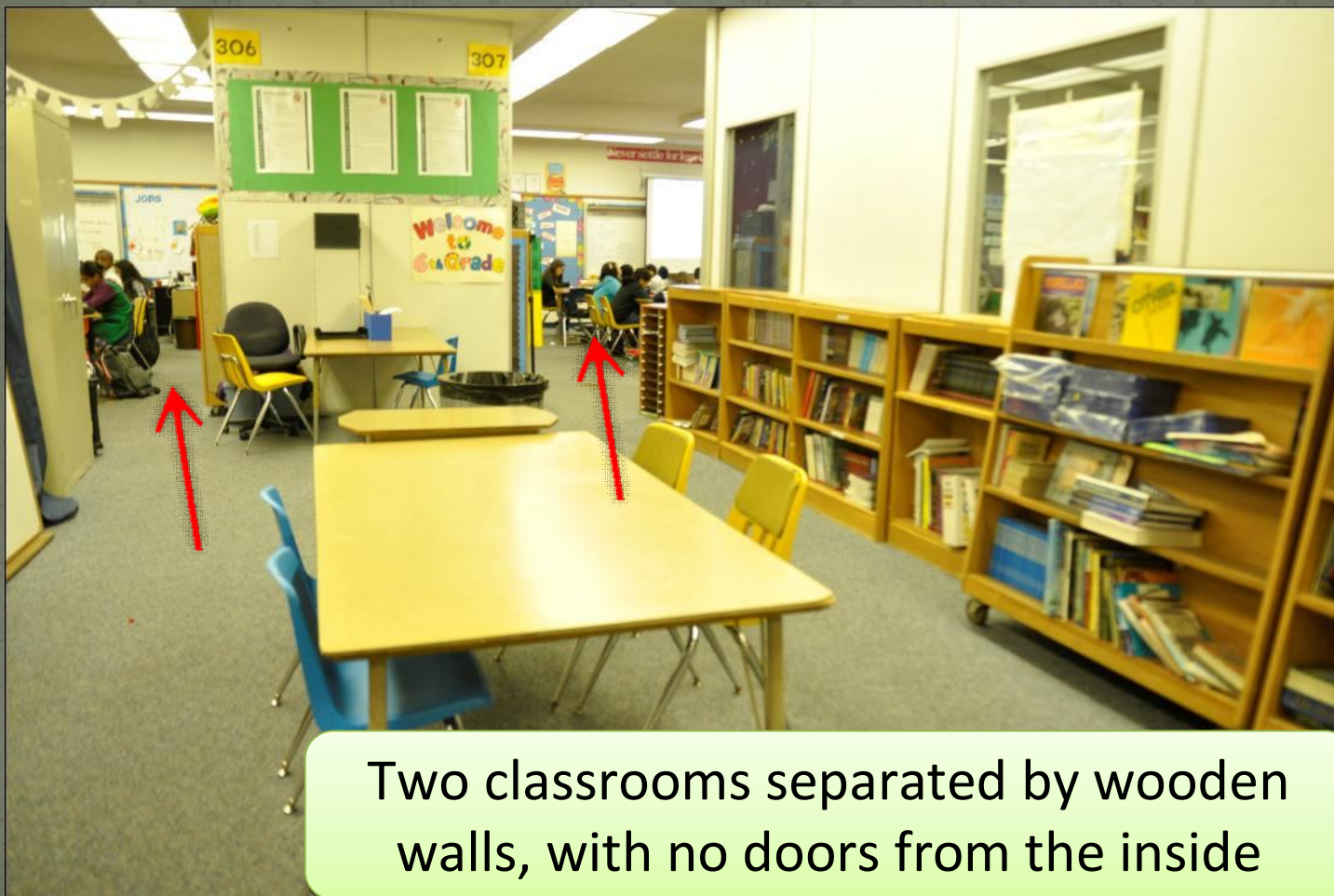
# saloon



A hexagonal learning center  
inside the classroom building



# Classrooms with NO DOOR



Two classrooms separated by wooden walls, with no doors from the inside



# Programs

- Student ambassadors



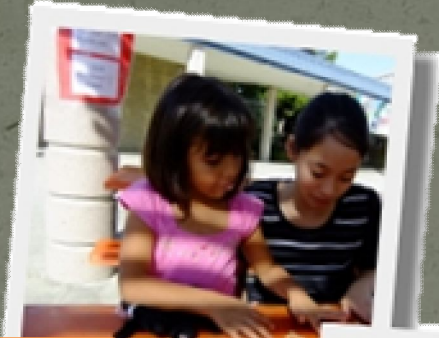
The ambassadors are having a meeting with their teacher. They are the editors of school news.

The ambassadors are serving students in the library.

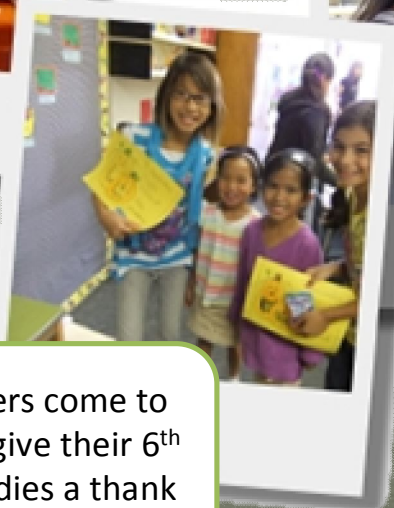
This ambassador is interviewing me about the schools in Taiwan. She is going to put it in their school news.

# Programs

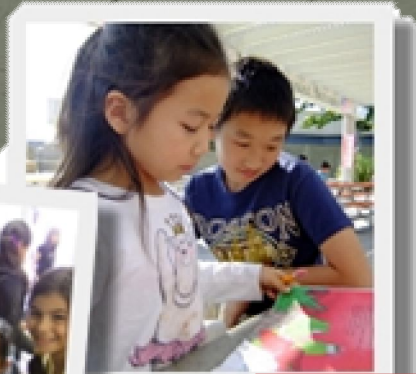
- Buddy



The Buddy System-the upper graders take care of, teach and accompany the primary ones. In this picture, a sixth grader is teaching a first to count.



First graders come to Rm308 to give their 6<sup>th</sup> grade buddies a thank you card and snacks.



The sixth grade buddy is accompanying his 1<sup>st</sup> grade buddy to read a story.



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