

Welcome to: Back to School Night

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How 2020 Feels...



Welcome Back

Hello Blair Families! This is Mr. Ibarra, Mrs. McGinnis, and Dr. Perez, the proud admin team of Blair Middle & High School. We would first like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding during this unprecedented time. Thank you for giving us time to work through and develop the best plan possible for the start of the new school year.

We are excited that all of our Blair families get to meet our AWESOME teachers tonight! We are confident they will walk you through what distance learning looks like in their classrooms and what their expectations for success are for your student/s.


Also, as we continue to move forward with distance learning (hopefully short term), we believe the success of virtual learning will largely rely on the partnerships between our teachers and families. Let's work together to make this year innovative, engaging, enjoyable, and meaningful for all of our students.

Blair Middle School

An International Baccalaureate School

- IB Learner Profile describes human capacities and responsibilities that go beyond academic success.
- They imply commitment to help all members of our community.
- To learn to respect ourselves, others, and the world around us.















IB LEARNER PROFILE

Who are we becoming through our learning in MYP?

Adapted from: ibo.org/benefits/learner-profile/

 <h3>INQUIRERS</h3> <p><i>As IB Learners we strive to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nurture our curiosity• Learn independently and with others• Learn with enthusiasm all our life	 <h3>OPEN-MINDED</h3> <p><i>As IB Learners we strive to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appreciate our own cultures and personal histories, as well as the traditions and values of others• Seek and evaluate a range of points of view• Grow from our experiences
 <h3>KNOWLEDGEABLE</h3> <p><i>As IB Learners we strive to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop and use conceptual understanding to explore knowledge• Engage with issues and ideas that are important in our lives and for the whole world	 <h3>CARING</h3> <p><i>As IB Learners we strive to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Show empathy, compassion and respect• Commit to service learning• Act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world
 <h3>THINKERS</h3> <p><i>As IB Learners we strive to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use critical and creative thinking skills to analyze and take action on complex problems• Show initiative in making reasoned and ethical decisions	 <h3>RISK-TAKERS</h3> <p><i>As IB Learners we strive to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas• Develop innovative strategies• Be resourceful and resilient in the face of challenge, change and uncertainty
 <h3>COMMUNICATORS</h3> <p><i>As IB Learners we strive to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language• Collaborate effectively by listening carefully to the perspectives of others• Share our ideas respectfully	 <h3>BALANCED</h3> <p><i>As IB Learners we strive to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Balance different aspects of our lives - intellectual, physical, and emotional• Create well-being for ourselves and others• Recognize our interdependence with other people and the world in which we all live
 <h3>PRINCIPLED</h3> <p><i>As IB Learners we strive to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Act with integrity, honesty and a strong sense of fairness and justice for all• Take responsibility for our actions and their consequences	 <h3>REFLECTIVE</h3> <p><i>As IB Learners we strive to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider the world, our own ideas and our experiences thoughtfully• Understand our strengths and weaknesses in order to support our learning and personal development

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Veronica Alcantar



My name is Veronica Alcantar, and I am excited to become part of the Blair community. I have been in education for 20 years. I have primarily served in elementary as a Preschool teacher, Kindergarten, First grade, and most recently Third grade teacher. I have been a part of the Spanish Dual Language Immersion Program for the last six years. I am currently completing a Master's in Communications with an emphasis in education .

I am a positive, hardworking individual happy to service my student's and their families. I recognize that this is challenging year ahead, but I walk into it understanding that we will need to practice patience, flexibility, and grace. Together we will press forward! ¡Si se puede!

Daily Routine

- **Please turn off computers daily to allow for updates and to allow for daily authentication.**
- **Check In activity**
- **Mini-Lesson**
- **Check for understanding**
- **Guided Practice**
- **Closure**



Daily Routine

Canvas Navigation



Grading Policy

Point System

- In a point based system, each assignment, quiz, etc., is given a point value. The final grade is determined by adding up all the points earned and comparing it to a grading standard.
- Final grades are calculated by adding a student's points on all grade items together and dividing by the sum of the Max possible points.

Classroom Norms

- **Students are expected to be “present” free of distractions and ready to participate.**
- **Respect the teacher and their peers.**
- **Follow instructions and not take advantage of Editing rights on platforms being used.**
- **Be patient, flexible, and understand that there will be days when unforeseen issues will arise.**

Parent/Student Portal

**Community Assistant
(Verification Code - AERIES)**

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Canvas Observer Account

Blair Website

Blair.pasadenausd.org

Contact Information

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

2:10 p.m - 3:10 p.m

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(please allow 24hrs for response)

Attendance Clerk

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