

# Why is Kit Carson the right choice?

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The school climate at Kit Carson supports a multi-culturally rich environment where diversity is celebrated. The development of social skills is an important part of the curriculum and students learn important lessons that will serve them well throughout life.

Innovation, creativity and collaboration are valued at Kit Carson. Our work is guided by a universal and sustained focus on improving student achievement.

- Small school atmosphere where everyone is known by name
- Strong GATE program component
- Emerging International Baccalaureate program
- Enrichment opportunities both during and after school
- Dedicated, caring teachers
- Outstanding after school program offering academic support, enrichment and structure
- Exciting field trips and college visits (Disneyland, UCLA, UC Irvine, Chico State and Sac State)
- Successful AVID program
- Numerous student leadership opportunities
- After-school sports



"If we want our kids to innovate solutions to 21st century problems, we need to give them 21st century thinking skills and room to be creative. IB does just that."

**Superintendent Jonathan Raymond**

## Learn more!

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Your Neighborhood School

**Kit Carson:**  
*Accelerate with us!*





*Did you know?* At the height of the Great Depression, Sacramento voters passed a bond to fund construction of three junior highs, including Kit Carson. The original brick campus was finished in 1933 at a cost of \$300,000!

## A treasured past, exciting future!

Kit Carson is a jewel in the heart of East Sacramento. Set on a tranquil 12-acre campus with Spanish-style architecture and red brick accents, Kit Carson evokes the rich history of California.

Kit Carson is home of the Pioneers, both in name and in philosophy. The school has an important place in the history of East Sacramento. Many generations of local residents having passed through our doors. The community has fond memories of the original building and of the storied past of the school!

The “new” Kit Carson recognizes time-honored Pioneer traditions while focusing on progressive, forward thinking instructional practices which make us a cutting-edge school of the future.

Our campus reflects the diversity of our city. This multi-cultural makeup is something we celebrate, and we believe that diversity enhances the positive experiences for our students.

# IB: Creating tomorrow's leaders today

*The International Baccalaureate Organization began in 1968 with the goal of preparing students for the top universities in the world. The IB Middle Years Program focuses on the student as an inquisitive learner.*

## What is IB? >>>

Since its founding, IB has become one of the fastest growing educational programs on the planet. IB World Schools and IB high school programs are challenging, project-based learning environments in which children are encouraged to become passionate learners fully connected to the rapidly changing world in which we live. IB has a proven track record of high academic success for students in 3,400 schools in 141 countries across the globe.

Research shows that students who graduate from IB programs are better prepared for college and careers and have the highest GPAs in four-year university freshmen classes.

Through the IB Learner Profile, the program emphasizes the development of the whole student — physically, intellectually, emotionally and ethically.

Students enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program strive to be open-minded inquirers and thinkers utilizing 21st

century skills. The IB program supports them IB's through:

- The learning of a second language
- Learning across the academic disciplines using four-to-six week units of study
- Action-based learning (community involvement)
- A global perspective and international mindedness

The IB mission statement is: “The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable, caring young people who help to create a more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.”

**“The Kit Carson IB program has quietly become the option that’s going to happen for East Sacramento.”**

*Michael Mitchell, parent*

## Transition Timeline

Our goal is to spend two years in the IB Candidate Phase and open as authorized IB school in 2015.



## The Sacramento Bee endorses IB:

“A particularly exciting magnet option is starting to take off in the region: The rigorous, well-certified, multi-culturally focused International Baccalaureate program. In a state as globally connected as California, this international honors program...can help attract and keep families in our region.”

## Kit Carson's Vision:

Kit Carson has a flourishing academic culture where students are motivated to learn and are excelling in all subject areas. They take responsibility for their daily and long-term success, and they understand the present and future value of what they learn. Students feel safe and encouraged and have confidence in their abilities. The staff is motivated by their unwavering belief in the potential of all students. They set high expectations for themselves and they believe that all students can learn without exception. They know every student by name and value the diversity, talent and energy that each student brings to our campus. Parents are engaged and actively involved in all aspects of their child's education. Community members support the school's mission and they play an important role in enhancing the academic and social success of our students.