



David Paterson IB PYP Candidate School

Student Agency: Action! Action! We Want Action!

Extra! Extra, hear all about it! We want to hear all about the action that is taking place outside our school connecting to our Unit of Inquiry. Student agency, also known as action is when voice and choice is communicated. Students at the David Paterson IB PYP Candidate School are encouraged and empowered to choose, act, and reflect on how they can impact our school, home, community, and world to make it a better place! In the Primary Years Program (PYP), it is believed that education must extend beyond the intellectual to include not only socially responsible attitudes but also thoughtful and appropriate action.

What does Action look like? Sound like?

BEING	FEELING	DOING
Have you BEEN a different person? Changed your behaviors? Been more patient? More respectful?	Have you FELT differently? Empathized? Loved? Felt inspired? Worried? Admired?	Have you DONE something? Given? Helped? Picked Up? Turned off? Cuddled?
THINKING	HAVING	SAYING
Have you THOUGHT differently? Changed your mind? Wondered? Inquired?	Do you HAVE more of something? More knowledge? Respect? Care? Determination?	Have you SAID something? Explained? Informed? Told? Discussed? Debated? Asked? Thanked?

Examples may include: sharing with someone what they are learning, researching online, going to the library, creating a poster to educate others, asking questions, making connections, writing to an organization, business, or government official about an issue that was raised during a particular Unit of Inquiry. It can also be deciding not to act, for example if they are learning about being balanced and a student realizes that a can of Coke is not the best choice and they opt for water instead.

The action cycle consisting of choose, act, and reflect allows students to use skills such as thinking, research, social, communication, and self-management. While taking action, our students also have opportunities to exhibit the attributes of the IB Learner Profile: Balanced, Caring, Communicator, Knowledgeable, Open-Minded, Principled, Reflective, Risk-Taker, and Thinker.

We welcome your participation and cooperation in helping our students take action and become compassionate, global-minded citizens and life-long learners!

* Parents Please:

- Use this next page to let us know when your child makes connections to their PYP unit at home or in your community!
- Have your child return this to their classroom teacher.

Thank you for your support!

In the PYP Unit of: _____, my child took action by

Signed: _____

Student Name: _____ Teacher: _____



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