

The 2019-2020 school year will hold my 19th year in education. I have a Masters in Educational Leadership from Louisiana State University. I hold a Bachelor degree in Early Childhood Education from Northern Kentucky University. I am currently working on my principal certification at UTA. I joined Brighter Horizons Academy in 2013, teaching second grade. After four years as a classroom teacher, I was promoted to PYP Coordinator in 2017.

Brighter Horizons Academy is a wonderful place to learn, and build global awareness as our students and staff represent over 35 countries around the world. Our Program of Inquiry (POI) is posted throughout our hallways and classrooms to reflect the vertical and horizontal collaboration of our teaching staff and to show student learning.

Our teachers work collaboratively to ensure all students are engaged and develop into knowledgeable and caring young people; who help create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. As stated in our Mission Statement, “BHA aims to develop practicing Muslim leaders who are lifelong learners that serve their diverse community and global society as respectful citizens”.

Our teaching and learning is enhanced through the Learner Profile, a set of attributes that are acquired through the PYP. We use these attributes, both in academics and social-emotional learning to build independent, caring and responsible young people. You will see the Learner Profile throughout BHA in hallways, posted in classrooms and in student actions. The Learner Profile has a strong connection to our Islamic Tarbiyah. We focus heavily on the learner profile in all our classes and with all our students at BHA to ensure these characteristics are part of their daily beliefs and values.

I appreciate how the IB Learner Profile, along with the Approaches to Learning, fosters the holistic development of every student. All the components were evident in our teaching style at BHA. Therefore, it has been an easy transition to this journey of becoming an IB World School for generations of leaders to come.