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# North Hagerstown High International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IB MYP)

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## **Program Description:**

North Hagerstown High School provides students with a well-rounded preparation either the IB Diploma Programme or the IB Career-related Programme, both offered at North Hagerstown High School. International Baccalaureate programs represent the gold standard of internationally-recognized, rigorous curriculum. IB World Schools share a common philosophy—a commitment to improve the teaching and learning of a diverse and inclusive community of students by delivering challenging, high quality programmes of international education that share a powerful vision. The IB Middle Years Programme is a five year programme, starting in the 6th grade and culminating with the awarding of an IB MYP Certificate in the 10th grade. The Middle Years Programme aligns vertically with Northern Middle School's IB MYP offering, working in concert to deliver years 4 and 5 of the MYP. The IB MYP consists of eight subject groups; Language Acquisition, Language and Literature, Individuals and Societies, Science, Mathematics, Arts, Physical and Health Education, and Design. At NHHS, students must take courses in 6 of the 8 subject groups to fulfill the MYP requirements for years 4 and 5. Inquiry is used in all subject areas to expand student knowledge and understanding of the world around them. The student-centered framework, which is built around the ten traits of the IB Learner Profile, enhances the WCPS Essential Curriculum by building critical thinking skills in a globally-minded classroom. Students in the IB MYP will complete a Community Project in the 8th grade, followed by the Personal Project in the 10th grade.

## **Fast Facts:**

1. The IB MYP emphasizes intellectual challenges and connections between subject areas and the real world.
2. The MYP is learner centered, promoting healthy relationships, ethical responsibility, and personal challenge.
3. The MYP works within global contexts, increasing understanding of languages and cultures.
4. The MYP prepares students to meet challenges of the IB Diploma Programme (IBDP) and the IB Career-related Programme (IBCP).
5. The MYP Certificate is awarded to students who successfully complete the course of study from the Subject Groups, the Community Project (8th grade), and the Personal Project (10th grade).

**Open House: TBD**

