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Northern Middle International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IB MYP)*

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Program Description:

As an IB World School* candidate, Northern Middle School provides competitive IB MYP students with a well-rounded preparation for high school. International Baccalaureate programmes represent the gold standard of internationally-recognized, rigorous curriculum. 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 both North Hagerstown High School's IB Career Related Programme and their IB Diploma Programme. The IB MYP consists of eight subject groups; Language Acquisition (French, Spanish, and German), Language and Literature, Individuals and Societies, Science, Mathematics, Arts, Physical and Health Education, and Design. 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. The Community Project focuses on community and service, encouraging students to explore their right and responsibility to take informed action in their community through service. Additionally, students would also enroll in an accelerated math curriculum that would permit them to take Algebra I in Grade 7 and Geometry in Grade 8.

*Northern Middle School is a candidate school for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme and is pursuing authorization as an IB World School. Only schools authorized by the International Baccalaureate can offer any of its four academic programmes: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), the Diploma Programme (DP) or the IB Career-related Programme (CP). Candidate status gives no guarantee that authorization will be granted.

Fast Facts:

1. The IB MYP emphasizes intellectual challenges and connections between subject areas and the real world.
2. The IB MYP is learner centered, promoting healthy relationships, ethical responsibility, and personal challenge.
3. The IB MYP works within global contexts, increasing understanding of languages and cultures.
4. The IB MYP gives students the opportunity to earn credits for high school in foreign language, math, and foundations of technology in both the 7th and 8th grade.
5. The IB MYP Certificate is awarded to students who successfully complete the required course of study from the Subject Groups, the Community Project (8th grade), and the Personal Project (10th grade).

Application Deadline: December 1, 2018

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