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# Northern Middle

## International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IB MYP)

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### Program Description:

The International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program at Northern Middle School provides 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. All of our students are expected to participate and contribute to our Service in Action initiative. Additionally, students enroll in an accelerated math curriculum that would permit them to take Algebra I in Grade 7 and Geometry in Grade 8.

### Fast Facts:

1. Northern Middle School celebrates the diversity of its school community. NMS currently hosts students born in 27 different countries. There are 16 different languages spoken in our school building. We celebrate our diversity and our International Mindedness.
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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
5. The IB MYP Credential is awarded to students who successfully complete the required course of study from the Subject Groups and the Personal Project (10th grade).

**Open House: TBD**

**Application Deadline: December 1, 2020**

