

The IB Middle Years Programme

Falls Church City Public Schools plans to adopt the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (MYP) for grades 6-10 at Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School and George Mason High School. Teachers have been preparing for this program with professional development and curriculum-writing since 2012.

With the addition of the MYP, FCCPS students will be able to participate in the IB Programme at all grade levels (K-12). FCCPS will be the first school division in Virginia to offer IB programs to all students, grades K-12.

Primary Years Programme (PYP) - Gr. K-5

Mt. Daniel School
Thomas Jefferson Elementary School

Middle Years Programme (MYP) - Gr. 6-10

Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School
George Mason High School

Diploma Programme (DP) - Gr. 11-12

George Mason High School

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The MYP will continue to be implemented over the next few years. Official application for acceptance into the program will take place in 2015/16 school year.

The MYP is designed for students in grades 6-10, providing a framework of learning that encourages students to become creative, critical, and reflective thinkers.

It will build upon the knowledge, skills, and attitudes developed in the IB Primary Years Programme and will prepare students to meet the academic challenges of the IB Diploma Program in 11th and 12th grades.



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Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School and George Mason High School are jointly exploring this program, which will complement existing IB Primary Years Programme and IB Diploma Programme.

When this program is adopted, FCCPS will become the first school division in Virginia to offer International Baccalaureate to all students in grades k-12.



Timeline for adopting the Middle Years Programme

Since 2013, teachers at MEHMS and GMHS have been collaborating by subject area and grade level to develop unit plans combining MYP objectives with Virginia SOL objectives. Teachers will continue to develop, implement and refine unit plans for all subject areas through 2014-2015, with the help of our MYP coordinators and a consultant assigned to our schools by the International Baccalaureate Organization.

FCCPS will apply for authorization in 2015. We expect that the program will be fully implemented in 2016.



How does the Middle Years Programme affect the current curriculum?

As with the Primary Years Program and Diploma Program, the MYP does not replace the current curriculum. It is designed to enhance the curriculum, fostering creativity for both students and teachers. Students will continue meeting all Virginia SOL objectives and participating in SOL assessments.

The MYP framework allows students to make connections among the subjects they are studying and apply them to real life. MYP encourages global thinking, and supports the development of effective communication skills.

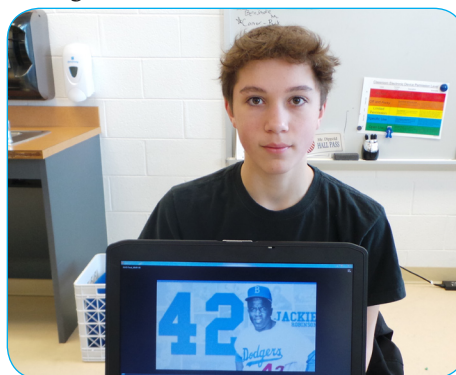
What are the basic elements of the Middle Years Programme?

The Middle Years Programme continues to emphasize the basic principles of the International Baccalaureate program: creative problem solving, hands-on learning, student-led inquiry, international mindedness, and service learning.

Students will continue to embrace the 10 International Baccalaureate learner attributes.

- Inquirer
- Knowledgeable
- Thinker
- Communicator
- Principled
- Open-Minded
- Caring
- Risk-Taker
- Balanced
- Reflective

The common language and instructional approach help to provide greater consistency from one level to the next. The attributes will be explored and applied in an increasingly sophisticated manner as the students continue to grow and mature.



Personal Project

At the end of tenth grade, students complete the Personal Project, the culminating task of MYP. The Personal Project provides students the opportunity to showcase the knowledge and skills acquired through MYP.