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Middle School Course Description Book

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VIRTUAL LEARNING

Under Section 21f of the State School Aid Act, students in grades 6-12 may elect to take up to two online courses during each semester. Students who plan to take online courses during the upcoming school year must identify their interest on their course selection sheet and work with their counselor to make appropriate selections. The deadline for completing the Virtual Learning [Authorization Form is indicated on](#) the course selection sheet. It must be completed by that date in order to be enrolled into an online course for both first and second semester. Student enrollment in online courses will not be granted in the fall or winter. Online course offerings can be reviewed on the Statewide Catalog of Online Courses: micourses.org. The following link provides a [Parent Guide to Online Learning](#).

THE MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME

The International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme provides a framework of academic challenge that encourages students to embrace and understand the connections between traditional subjects and the real world, and to become critical and reflective thinkers.



The Middle Years Programme Subjects

MYP requires eight subject areas. They are the following:

- Arts
- Design
- Individuals and Societies
- Language Acquisition
- Language and Literature
- Mathematics
- Physical and Health Education
- Sciences

MYP as a Framework

The curriculum of the Middle Years Programme contains the eight subject areas noted on the top of the page. Connections between subjects come from teachers organizing the curriculum through inquiry, action, the Design Cycle, Approaches to Learning and Global Contexts.

In order to bridge these 'lenses' with the state curriculum, MYP teachers ask students broad questions which have multiple answers and multiple paths and multiple disciplines to consider. Students in an MYP class are also asked to reflect on a question multiple times in a unit in multiple ways and from multiple perspectives. This reflection demonstrates their understanding and enables them to move further from where they started.

The Duration of the MYP

The MYP is a five year process. Students will begin this process in 6th grade and continue this process through 10th grade. The culminating event for the Middle Years Programme is an independent study called the Personal Project in the spring of 10th grade where students apply their broad perspective to an issue or personal interest. This project is supported in their 10th grade Advisory classes through a research paper assignment and teacher mentors. It culminates in the spring with an evening event where students share how their holistic understanding of a topic can impact themselves and, in many cases, the world.

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6th Grade Courses



Block Classes

[LANGUAGE & LITERATURE 6](#)

[MATHEMATICS 6](#)

[SCIENCES 6](#)

[WORLD CULTURES 6](#)

All Year Class

[PHYSICAL EDUCATION 6](#)

Exploratory Classes

[DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY 6](#)

[HEALTH SKILLS 6](#)

[DRAMA 6](#)

[VISUAL ARTS 6](#)

Music Classes

students select from

[INSTRUMENTAL](#)

[VOCAL](#)

Language Acquisition

students select from

[SPANISH 6](#)

[FRENCH 6](#)

7th Grade Courses



Block Classes

[LANGUAGE & LITERATURE 7](#)

[MATHEMATICS 7](#)

[SCIENCES 7](#)

[WORLD CULTURES 7](#)

ACADEMIC EXTENSION 7

All Year Class

[PHYSICAL EDUCATION 7](#)

Language Acquisition

Each school offers different world language selections

[SPANISH 100A \(ALL\)](#)

[CHINESE 100A \(EH\)](#)

[FRENCH 100A \(WH & BH\)](#)

Elective Selections

[BAND](#)

[CHOIR](#)

[ORCHESTRA](#)

[DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY 7](#)

[FOODS 7](#)

[DRAMA 7](#)

[VISUAL ARTS 7](#)

8th Grade Courses



Block Classes

[LANGUAGE & LITERATURE 8](#)

[MATHEMATICS 8](#) OR [ALGEBRA 1](#)

[SCIENCES 8](#)

[AMERICAN STUDIES 8](#)

ACADEMIC EXTENSION 8

All Year Class

[PHYSICAL EDUCATION 8](#)

Language Acquisition

Each school offers different world language selections

[SPANISH 100B \(ALL\)](#)

[CHINESE 100B \(EH\)](#)

[FRENCH 100B \(WH & BH\)](#)

Elective Selections

[BAND](#)

[CHOIR](#)

[ORCHESTRA](#)

[DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY \(COMPUTER\)](#)

[DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY \(CONSTRUCT\)](#)

[FOODS 8](#)

[DRAMA 8](#)

[DRAMA 8 \(MUSICAL\)](#)

[VISUAL ARTS \(2D\)](#)

[VISUAL ARTS \(3D\)](#)