



The IB Middle years Program

PARENT INFORMATION



Why Choose an IB World School?

International Baccalaureate (IB) Schools, emphasize developing internationally minded students who value cultural understanding and global perspectives. These schools follow a time-tested, holistic framework grounded in current educational research. The program is regularly reviewed and updated, while IB teachers receive ongoing training in innovative methods of instruction. With rigorous academic standards, IB programs challenge students to think critically, engage in inquiry, and take action in real-world contexts, preparing them to succeed in an increasingly globalized and complex world. IB World Schools include the Primary Years Program (PYP), the Middle Years Program (MYP) and the Diploma Program (DP).

By joining the D51 IB pathway, your student will be well prepared for the transition to high school. After 8th grade, they can continue the final two years of the MYP at Palisade High School, with the option to advance into the IB Diploma Programme. MYP students are often especially well prepared for success in the Diploma Program (DP).

5,900

Total IB schools worldwide including PYP and DP schools

1,800

MYP Schools worldwide

127

different countries

57

Years since the establishment of the International Baccalaureate



MYP Framework



The Middle Years Programme (MYP) is built on a framework that helps students grow as learners and as people. Learning is concept-based, so students focus on big ideas that connect across subjects and to the real world. They also build important Approaches to Learning (ATL) skills—such as collaboration, research, communication, self-management and critical thinking—that support success in every subject. Learning is explored

through global contexts, which help students understand issues from different perspectives and see their role in a changing world. Assessment is authentic and criterion-based, meaning students show what they know and can do through meaningful tasks. At the heart of the MYP is the IB Learner Profile, which encourages students to be inquiring, caring, reflective, and open-minded individuals.

Academic Achievement

Performance School

Mount Garfield Middle School has received the highest performance rating from the state of Colorado.



What we offer as an IB World School

Rigorous Core Classes

We provide engaging concept based core classes in Math, Language & Literature (ELA), Science and Individuals and Society (Social Studies). Teachers strive to provide real world, authentic and rigorous learning experiences

Design

Students explore innovative technologies, like 3D printers and software, and work on projects relevant to themselves or their community. The focus on international mindedness and concept-based learning helps them tackle global challenges, making the classes both meaningful and engaging.

Arts

IB Arts classes, both visual and performing, inspire creativity, self-expression, and critical thinking. Students develop technical skills, explore cultural and global perspectives, and reflect on the role of art in society.

Language Acquisition

Language acquisition at MGMS focuses on building multilingual skills through Spanish classes to foster global awareness, cultural understanding, and critical thinking. For students with advanced Spanish skills, we provide specialized classes to meet their needs.

Athletics

IB Physical and Health Education promotes holistic well-being, encourages positive social interactions, and helps students develop collaboration, communication, and social responsibility while fostering a global appreciation for health and physical activity.

The Community Project

The Middle Years Program engages 8th graders in an annual community project. This project focuses on community and service, encouraging students to explore their rights and responsibilities to implement service as action in the community. The community project gives students an opportunity to develop awareness of needs in various communities and address those needs through service learning. This project will occur throughout the students 8th grade year.

FAQs

Are there options for transportation outside of the MGMS Area?

MGMS Students may use the Palisade High School transportation hubs at the Mesa County Central Library or at Grand Mesa Middle School.

Is the MYP an exclusive program like Palisade's Diploma Program?

No, once you are admitted to Mount Garfield through School of Choice or our application process, then all students in the school are a part of the Middle Years Program.

Can my student continue into Palisade's IB program?

Yes, although School of Choice requirements would apply. Palisade continues the MYP through 10th grade with all of it's students. Students may apply in 8th grade to participate in the Diploma Program (11th and 12 grade) at Palisade. This is an exclusive college level diploma program that is internationally recognized for its rigor and quality.

How is MYP different from the Challenge Program at OMMS?

The MYP has a whole school approach rather than being a separate program. It employs an international learning framework that is based on current education research on concept-based inquiry learning. Teachers complete in-house and external professional development to ensure quality delivery and the school undergoes 5 year reviews from IB World Schools. We also offer Spanish as a second language.