

The International Baccalaureate
Diploma Programme (IB DP)
& **Middle Years Programme (IB MYP)**

Annapolis, Meade, and Old Mill High Schools are pleased to offer students the opportunity to participate in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme, an internationally recognized foundation that promotes student centered inquiry, critical thinking, effective communication, and the application of knowledge. The IB programs are intended to challenge students to connect their education with the world around them and develop an intercultural awareness through their studies. In the high schools, the IB Middle Years Programme (IB MYP) prepares students in grades 9 and 10 for the two year IB Diploma Programme (IB DP) that qualified students will enter in grades 11 and 12.

IB High School students learn to think creatively and independently as they immerse themselves in this interdisciplinary education. Extremely motivated students who successfully meet the requirements of the program may be awarded the prestigious IB Diploma which is recognized by colleges and universities around the world.

For more information about the program, visit www.aacps.org/ib

or contact:

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IB Programme District Coordinator
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2011 IB Information Sessions

Informational sessions will be held from 6:30–8:00 p.m. at the following schools:

Annapolis High School.... October 18

Old Mill High School October 18

Meade High School November 2

**Where do students in
this Magnet Program
attend school?**

If your home middle school is:

Annapolis Middle
Bates Middle
Central Middle
Crofton Middle
Magothy Middle
Severn River Middle
Southern Middle

Your IB magnet school is

**Annapolis High
School**

If your home middle school is:

Arundel Middle
Brooklyn Park Middle
Corkran Middle
Lindale Middle
MacArthur Middle
Marley Middle
Meade Middle

Your IB magnet school is

**Meade High
School**

If your home middle school is:

Chesapeake Bay Middle
George Fox Middle
Old Mill Middle North
Old Mill Middle South
Severna Park Middle

Your IB magnet school is

**Old Mill High
School**

What are the requirements for selection into the program?*

The student shall:

- have an interest in participating and be committed to the Magnet Program and high school.
- complete the online application form and *Challenge Interview* (see following page).
- meet the requirements of one of the application pathways:

Pathway I

- a. A minimum of a “B” average (3.0 cumulative average) in grade 7
- b. Current enrollment in, or successful completion of Pre-Algebra with a “B” or better and Level 1 of French, Spanish, Chinese, or Italian with a “C” or better
- c. An average rubric score of a 7 or better on the *Challenge Interview*
- d. Score of Proficient or Advanced in MSA Reading and Mathematics in grade 7
or scores in the 60th percentile or above on nationally normed tests in Reading, Language, and Mathematics

Pathway II

- a. A minimum of a “mid-C” average (2.5 cumulative average) in grade 7
- b. Current enrollment in or successful completion of Pre-Algebra with a “C” or better or successful completion of the 2011 Magnet Summer Algebra course with a “B” or better and Level 1 of a world language with a “C” or better
- c. An average rubric score of a 7 or better on the *Challenge Interview*
- d. Completion of an academic interview
- e. Two letters of recommendation
(one from a teacher familiar with student’s current academic progress and one from a counselor, coach, or other non-relative community member)
You will receive an email providing a link to the *Letter of Recommendation Form*.
- f. Score of Proficient or Advanced in MSA Reading and Mathematics in grade 7
or scores in the 60th percentile or above on nationally normed tests in Reading, Language, and Mathematics

* 10th Grade applicants should contact their IB School or the IB Program Coordinator to find information on 10th Grade Criteria for Selection.

How do students apply to the program?

- 1** ***Complete the Online Student Application and Online Sign-up for Challenge Interview by noon on Friday, December 2, 2011.*** Please print a copy of your application for your records. Non-AACPS students must upload all additional materials by the deadline in order for the application to be considered complete and on-time.
- 2** You will receive acknowledgement of your application along with instructions for completing any additional requirements by email. All correspondence and notifications will occur through the *Primary Email Address*.
- 3** Participate in a *Challenge Interview*. Available session dates are included in the online application. ***Space in each session is limited. Registration for and participation in a Challenge Interview does not guarantee eligibility for the program.***
- 4** Following applicant selection, students will be notified of a decision ***by mid January***. No decision will be made until mid January.
- 5** Acceptance of placement offers must be made online by noon on ***Tuesday, January 31, 2012***. (If the number of eligible students exceeds the number of seats available, a random lottery selection will occur.)
- 6** Successful applicants will be required to attend a welcome and registration meeting to be announced at a later date.



AACPS · Magnet Program Application Information Sheet—Conditions of Attendance

In order to participate in an Anne Arundel County School Magnet School Program, students and their parents or guardians must understand and agree to the following:

General information for all Magnet Programs:

- AACPS Magnet Programs are rigorous programs of study. To remain in the program, the student must meet high standards of academic achievement.
- If a student withdraws from the program, or is not successful in the program, he/she will return to their home school.
- The student is expected to remain in the program for the entire academic year (or semester, in the case of some CAT North/CAT South programs). Students will be asked annually to recommit to their chosen magnet program.
- All information submitted with the application will be maintained in confidence by all members of the screening committee.
- With the exception of CAT North/CAT South programs, bus stops will be consolidated community bus stops, based on the student population. Bus stops may not be located within ordinary walking distances, and may have to be supported by private resources. (CAT North/CAT South students will be picked up from and returned to their home schools within the regular school day.)
- If the number of eligible students exceeds the number of seats available, a random lottery selection will occur for eligible applicants.
- Eligible applications submitted after the deadline will be wait-listed in the order they are received.
- All programs are contingent on fiscal approval of the budget year for which you are applying.
- The support and involvement of parents/guardians are required.
- **With the exception of CAT North/CAT South programs, students and their parents will be required to participate in occasional evening and weekend Magnet events/performances associated with their Magnet Program during the school year.**

For the middle school IB Middle Years Programme:

- Students must maintain grades of “B” or above in all subject areas, with two “C”s allowable per marking period, to remain in this magnet program.
- Acceptance and participation in the middle school MYP does not guarantee placement in the IB Diploma Programme.

For the Performing and Visual Arts Magnet:

- Students must maintain grades of “B” or above in all subject areas, with two “C”s allowable per marking period, to remain in this magnet program.
- The PVA Magnet Program is project/performance-based instruction emphasizing creative and critical thinking abilities through the exploration of the many facets of the world of the arts where expectations are high and student collaboration and success are expected.
- Participation in a one-week summer bridge program, *Saturday in the Arts* sessions (approximately one per month), and *Performance Plus* sessions (two extended day sessions per week) throughout the school year are requirements of being enrolled in the PVA magnet program.
- Acceptance and participation in the middle school MYP does not guarantee placement in the High School PVA program.

For the BMAH and STEM Magnet:

- The BMAH and STEM Magnet Programs are project-based and in a technology-rich learning environment where expectations are high and student collaboration and success are expected.
- Participation in two-week summer bridge programs, summer reading assignments, job shadowing, research, group/team projects and assignments and internship opportunities are requirements of being enrolled in these Magnet Programs.

For the BMAH, IB, and STEM Magnets:

- All students must maintain a 2.8 GPA through all 4 years of high school in order to remain in these magnet programs.



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Superintendent of Schools

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