

# The International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IB MYP)

Annapolis Middle, MacArthur Middle, and Old Mill Middle North are excited to offer the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IB MYP). The MYP offers a teaching methodology that connects school subjects to the world and challenges students to consider their role in global and local communities. Through a challenging curriculum and rigorous assessments, IB MYP students become critical thinkers and reflective lifelong learners. The IB MYP provides a strong foundation for the IB Diploma Programme.

Students who live within the attendance area for Annapolis Middle, MacArthur Middle, and Old Mill Middle North are automatically enrolled in the IB Middle Years Programme. Only students who live out of the feeder area for an IB MYP school need to complete an application.

For more information about the program, visit [www.aacps.org/ib](http://www.aacps.org/ib)

or contact:

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## 2011 MYP Expo Sessions

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

**Old Mill Middle North .... November 1**  
**Annapolis Middle .... November 3**  
**MacArthur Middle .... November 10**

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

*Students who live within the attendance area for Annapolis Middle, MacArthur Middle, and Old Mill Middle North are automatically enrolled in this program and should not apply.*

If your home middle school is:

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

*Your MYP school is*  
**Annapolis  
Middle School**

If your home middle school is:

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

*Your MYP school is*  
**Old Mill Middle  
School North**

If your home middle school is:

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

*Your MYP school is*  
**MacArthur  
Middle School**

## What are the requirements for selection into the program?

The student shall:

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

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### Pathway I

- A grade of “B” or above in all subject areas—one “C” is allowable
- Receive a rubric score of 6 or better on the *Challenge Interview*
- Scores of Proficient or Advanced in MSA Reading and Mathematics in grade 4  
**or** scores in the 60th percentile or above on nationally normed tests in Reading, Language, and Mathematics

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### Pathway II

- A grade of “C” or above in all subject areas—one “D” is allowable
- Receive a rubric score of 6 or better on the *Challenge Interview*
- Scores of Proficient or Advanced in MSA Reading and Mathematics in grade 4 —one score of Basic in either of the subject areas is allowable  
**or** scores in the 60th percentile or above on nationally normed tests in Reading, Language, and Mathematics
- 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*.

## ***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** Register for and participate in an on-site *Challenge Interview* session. 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 the decision ***by 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.



**Important program requirements**

# 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:**

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## **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.**

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## **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.

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## **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 PVA does not guarantee placement in the high school PVA program.

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## **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.

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## **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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