

# Anne Arundel County Public Schools · Magnet Program Application

The prospective *International Baccalaureate*

# Middle Years Programme (MYP)

Annapolis Middle, MacArthur Middle, and Old Mill Middle North are excited to offer a prospective *Middle Years Programme (MYP)* of the International Baccalaureate Organization. The MYP is a three-year program designed to meet the educational requirements of students in grades 6–8. It offers a teaching methodology that connects school subjects to the world outside school and challenges students to consider their role in global and local communities. The program provides a strong foundation for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. The MYP offers a balanced education where students engage in eight MYP subject groups each year: English, World Language, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, the Arts, Technology, and Physical Education. Content areas view the curriculum through five special Areas of Interaction: Approaches to Learning, Community and Service, Environments, Human Ingenuity (the creativity of humankind), Health and Social Education. Only students who are applying out of area as magnet students need to complete an application.

**All applications are contingent on approval of the 2009–10 budget.**

### 2008 MYP Expo Sessions

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

Annapolis Middle..... November 13  
 MacArthur Middle ..... November 12  
 Old Mill Middle North..... November 20

### A. Criteria for selection:

1. Interest in participation and commitment to the program.
2. Interest in participation and commitment to the MYP school.

### B. Application process

1. Complete the **Student Application**.
2. Attach a copy of **your fourth grade final and fifth grade first marking period report cards** along with a copy of the **Test Data Card** which you may request from your Guidance Counselor.
3. Mail the complete application package to the coordinator of your assigned MYP School (see below). Completed application forms **must be received** by your assigned MYP school or postmarked **no later than Monday, December 1, 2008**. **Applications received after the deadline may not be eligible.** Please keep a copy of the application for your records.
4. You will receive acknowledgement of your application. Please keep a copy for your records.
5. Following the selection, decision letters will be mailed **no later than Friday, January 9, 2009**.
6. Acceptance of placement offers must be received by your MYP school **no later than Wednesday, January 21, 2009**. (If the number of students exceeds the number of seats available, a random lottery selection may occur.)
7. Successful applicants will be required to attend a welcome and registration meeting to be announced at a later date.



### MYP School Assignments

If your home middle school is:

Annapolis Middle Bates Middle Central Middle Crofton Middle Your MYP school is <b>Annapolis Middle</b>	Magothy Middle Severn River Middle Southern Middle Your MYP school is <b>Annapolis Middle</b>	Arundel Middle Brooklyn Park Middle Corkran Middle Lindale Middle Your MYP school is <b>MacArthur Middle</b>	MacArthur Middle Marley Middle Meade Middle Your MYP school is <b>MacArthur Middle</b>	Chesapeake Bay Middle George Fox Middle Old Mill Middle North Your MYP school is <b>Old Mill Middle North</b>	Old Mill Middle South Severna Park Middle Your MYP school is <b>Old Mill Middle North</b>
Send your application to: Laura Lane <b>Annapolis Middle School</b> 1399 Forest Drive Annapolis, MD 21403	Send your application to: Ann Gemellas <b>MacArthur Middle School</b> 3500 Rockenbach Road Ft. Meade, MD 20755	Send your application to: Susan Shelby <b>Old Mill Middle School North</b> 610 Patriot Lane Millersville, MD 21108			

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**Completed application must be received by your assigned MYP School or postmarked no later than Monday, December 1, 2008.**

# International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

## and The Extended Learning Program

Annapolis, Meade, and Old Mill High Schools are pleased to offer the *Extended Learning Program* in grades 9 and 10. This program will prepare students for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme in grades 11 and 12. Students in this accelerated course of study are enrolled in English, world language, social studies, science, mathematics, and elective courses. The IB programs are intended to provide for the education of the whole person with a broad and balanced curriculum. Students who successfully meet these requirements are awarded the prestigious IB Diploma which is recognized by colleges and universities around the world. The global curriculum promotes student-centered inquiry, critical thinking, effective communication, and the application of knowledge. All three high schools are fully authorized to offer the IB Diploma Program.

**All applications are contingent on approval of the 2009–10 budget.**

### 2008 IB Expo Sessions

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

Annapolis HS ..... November 12  
 Meade HS ..... November 19  
 Old Mill HS ..... November 20

### A. Criteria for selection:

1. Academic preparation
  - a. a minimum of a “B” (3.0) grade point average in grade 7

*and*

  - b. current enrollment in, or successful completion of, Pre-algebra 8 or Algebra I

*and*

  - c. current enrollment in, or successful completion of, Level I or equivalent of a world language
2. Performance on standardized tests
  - a. scores of Proficient or Advanced in MSA Reading and Mathematics for grade 7

*or*

  - b. scores in the 60 percentile or above on nationally normed tests in Reading, Language, and Mathematics

### B. Application process

1. Complete the **Student Application**.
2. Attach a copy of your **seventh** (final) **and eighth grade** (first marking period) **report cards** along with a copy of the **Test Data Card** which you must request from your Guidance Counselor.
3. Mail the complete application package to the IB Coordinator of your assigned IB School (see below). Completed application forms **must be received** by your assigned IB school or postmarked **no later than Monday, December 1, 2008**. **Applications received after the deadline may not be eligible.** Please keep a copy of the application for your records.
4. You will receive acknowledgement of your application. Please keep a copy for your records.
5. Following the selection, decision letters will be mailed **no later than Friday, January 9, 2009**.
6. Acceptance of placement offers must be received by your IB school **no later than Wednesday, January 21, 2009**. (If the number of eligible students exceeds the number of seats available, a random lottery selection may occur.)
7. Successful applicants will be required to attend a welcome and registration meeting to be announced at a later date.



### ELP/IB School Assignments

*If your home middle school is:*

Annapolis Middle Bates Middle Central Middle Crofton Middle  Your ELP/IB school is <b>Annapolis HS</b>	Magothy Middle Severn River Middle Southern Middle  Your ELP/IB school is <b>Meade HS</b>	Arundel Middle Brooklyn Park Middle Corkran Middle Lindale Middle  Your ELP/IB school is <b>Old Mill HS</b>	MacArthur Middle Marley Middle Meade Middle  Chesapeake Bay Middle George Fox Middle Old Mill Middle North  Old Mill Middle South Severna Park Middle  Your ELP/IB school is <b>Old Mill HS</b>
Send your application to:  Nancy Heiles <i>IB Coordinator</i> <b>Annapolis High School</b> 2700 Riva Road · Annapolis, MD 21401	Send your application to:  Jennifer Quinn <i>IB Coordinator</i> <b>Meade High School</b> 1 Clark Road · Ft. Georges G. Meade, MD 20755	Send your application to:  Dr. Elizabeth Mitchell <i>IB Coordinator</i> <b>Old Mill High School</b> 600 Patriot Lane · Millersville, MD 21108	

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# The STEM Program

Anne Arundel County Public Schools is pleased to offer STEM Magnet High Schools as an educational choice for academically able and motivated students interested in rigorous and relevant studies in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

The STEM Magnet High Schools, housed within North County and South River high schools, are designed to engage students in an exciting project-based, technology-rich learning environment where expectations are high and student success expected.

Global vision, 21st century high tech and communication skills, solid STEM coursework foundations, collaborative problem solving, research and internship opportunities, project-based learning, self-direction, and social responsibility are the driving forces behind the STEM programs at these magnet high schools.

**All applications are contingent on approval of the 2009–10 budget.**

## 2008 STEM Share

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

North County High School ..... November 3  
 South River High School ..... November 6



## A. Criteria for Selection

1. Interest in participation and commitment to the STEM program of studies.
2. Interest in participation and commitment to the STEM Magnet High School.
3. Completion of the application form including the STEM Writing Prompt.\*
4. Meet the requirements of ONE of the application pathways.
  - I. Pathway I
    - a. A minimum of a “B” average (3.0) in grade 7
    - b. Current enrollment in, or successful completion of Algebra and Level I of a world language
    - c. A rubric score of 2 or better on the STEM Application writing prompt\*
  - II. Pathway II
    - a. A minimum of a “C” average (2.0) in grade 7
    - b. A rubric score of 2 or better on the STEM Application writing prompt\*
    - c. A rubric score of 2 or better on the STEM interdisciplinary problem solving exercise\*
    - d. A rubric score of 2 or better on the STEM interview where the student will bring and discuss one artifact showcasing their interest in STEM fields
    - e. One letter of recommendation from a teacher or community member

*\*The writing prompt is available with the application. The problem solving exercise, problem solving exercise rubric, STEM interview rubric, and writing prompt rubric will be available online at [www.aacps.org/stem](http://www.aacps.org/stem)*

## B. Application Process

1. Complete the **Student Application including the STEM Writing Prompts**.
2. Attach a copy of your **seventh (final) and eighth grade (first marking period) report cards** along with a copy of the **Test Data Card** which you must request from your Guidance Counselor.
3. Mail the complete application package to the STEM office. Completed application forms **must be received** by the STEM office or postmarked **no later than Monday, December 1, 2008. Applications received after the deadline may not be eligible.** Please keep a copy of the application for your records.
3. You will receive acknowledgement of your application along with instructions for completion of the interdisciplinary problem solving exercise and/or interview process by mail or email if these pathways apply to you. Please keep a copy for your records.
4. Following applicant selection, decision letters will be mailed **no later than Friday, January 9, 2009.**
5. Acceptance of placement offers must be received by the STEM office or postmarked **no later than Wednesday, January 21, 2009.** (If the number of eligible students exceeds the number of seats available, a random lottery selection may occur)
6. Successful applicants will be required to attend a welcome registration meeting and two-week summer bridge program to be announced at a later date.

## STEM Magnet High School Assignments

If your home middle school is:

Annapolis Middle  
 Bates Middle  
 Central Middle

Crofton Middle  
 Magothy Middle  
 Severn River Middle

Severna Park Middle  
 Southern Middle

Arundel Middle  
 Brooklyn Park Middle  
 Chesapeake Bay Middle  
 Corkran Middle

George Fox Middle  
 Lindale Middle  
 MacArthur Middle  
 Marley Middle

Meade Middle  
 Old Mill Middle North  
 Old Mill Middle South

Your STEM Magnet school is  
**South River High School**

Your STEM Magnet school is  
**North County High School**

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**Completed application must be received by the STEM Office or postmarked no later than Monday, December 1, 2008.**

# The Performing & Visual Arts Program (PVA)

Anne Arundel County Public Schools is pleased to offer the Performing and Visual Arts (PVA) Magnet Middle School at Bates Middle as an educational choice for highly able and motivated arts students interested in achieving maximum potential both artistically and academically.

The PVA Magnet Middle School program is designed to engage students in intense instruction of the highest quality in music, dance, visual arts, and multi-media production arts, offered by highly qualified teachers and professional, qualified arts specialists. The learning environment expectations are high and student success is expected.

One of the driving forces behind the Performing and Visual Arts Magnet Middle School is a comprehensive curriculum that fosters effective communication, aesthetic and critical thinking skills, artistic excellence, global vision, collaborative problem solving, self-direction, and social responsibility.

**All applications are contingent on approval of the 2009–10 budget.**

## 2008 PVA Expo Session

PVA Expo sessions will be held from 6:30–8:00 p.m. at the following school:

Bates Middle.....November 10

## A. Criteria for Selection

1. Interest in participation and commitment to the PVA program of studies: Dance, Instrumental Music, Vocal Music, or Visual Arts.
2. Interest in participation and commitment to the PVA Magnet Middle School.
3. Completion of the application process by December 1, 2008 including:
  - Completed application form, including the PVA Writing Prompt
  - Scheduled audition with PVA office (dance, music, vocal, and instrumental, visual arts)
  - Submission of a portfolio (for visual arts applicants only)
4. Meet the requirements of **one** of the application pathways.
  - I. Pathway I
    - a. A grade of “B” or above in all subject areas
    - b. A rubric score of 3 or better on the PVA Application writing prompt\*
    - c. Receive audition and/or portfolio score of 7 or higher \*
  - II. Pathway II
    - a. A grade of “C” or above in all subject areas
    - b. A rubric score of 2 or better on the PVA Application writing prompt\*
    - c. Receive audition and/or portfolio score of 5 or higher\*
    - d. Two recommendation letters (one from an arts teacher, and one from a counselor or school administrator)

*\*The writing prompt is available with the application. The audition process requirements, visual arts portfolio requirements and rubric, and writing prompt rubric will be available on-line at [www.aacps.org/pva](http://www.aacps.org/pva)*

## B. Application Process

1. Complete the **Student Application including the PVA Writing Prompts**.
2. Attach a copy of **your fourth or fifth grade final and fifth or sixth grade first marking period report cards** along with a copy of the **Test Data Card** which you may request from your Guidance Counselor.
3. Mail the complete application package to the Visual and Performing Arts office. Completed application forms **must be received by** the PVA office or postmarked **no later than Monday, December 1, 2008**. Applications received after the deadline may not be eligible. Please keep a copy of the application for your records.
3. You will receive acknowledgement of your application along with instructions for the audition process. Please keep a copy for your records.
4. Following applicant selection, decision letters will be mailed **no later than Friday, January 9, 2009**.
5. Acceptance of placement offers must be received by the PVA office or postmarked **no later than Wednesday, January 21, 2009**. *(If the number of eligible students exceeds the number of seats available, a random lottery selection may occur)*
6. Successful applicants will be required to attend a welcome registration meeting and one-week summer bridge program to be announced at a later date.



## Performing and Visual Arts Magnet Middle School Assignments

*If your home middle school is:*

Annapolis Middle  
Bates Middle  
Central Middle

Crofton Middle  
Magothy Middle  
Severn River Middle

Severna Park Middle  
Southern Middle

Arundel Middle  
Brooklyn Park Middle  
Chesapeake Bay Middle  
Corkran Middle

George Fox Middle  
Lindale Middle  
MacArthur Middle  
Marley Middle

Meade Middle  
Old Mill Middle North  
Old Mill Middle South

*Your PVA Magnet school is*  
**Bates Middle School**

*A program for these students is being planned for the 2010–2011 school year.*

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