The International Baccalaureate Middle School

Middle Years Programme (IB MYP)

The IB MYP engages students across all content areas through global challenges and the use of project and problem-based learning, inquiry, action and reflection. Located at Annapolis Middle, MacArthur Middle, and Old Mill Middle North, this Magnet program challenges students to take action in their global and local communities. It also encourages them to become critical thinkers, effective communicators in two or more languages, and reflective lifelong learners.

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 one of these IB MYP schools need to complete a magnet application.

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

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**IB Programme District Coordinator**  
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**2017 MYP Information Sessions**

Informational sessions will be held at the following schools:

- **Annapolis Middle** ...... October 17
- **MacArthur Middle** ..........October 12  
  (to be held at Meade HS)
- **Old Mill Middle North** ..........October 24  
  6:30–8:00 p.m.

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**World & Classical Language Options**

The following languages are offered as part of the Middle School IB curriculum:

- French
- Mandarin Chinese
- Spanish
**What are the requirements for selection into the program?**

The student shall:

- have good academic standing and attendance.
- successfully complete the online magnet application.
- meet the requirements of one of the application pathways:

**Pathway I**

a. Grades of As and Bs in grade 4 and grade 5 in all academic core subjects or a 4 or 5 on PARCC Reading and Math

**Pathway II**

a. Grades of As, Bs, and Cs (no more than two Cs) in grade 4 in all academic core subjects with no Ds, or Es,

b. Two letters of recommendation (an email link will be provided to the Letter of Recommendation form)
   - one from a teacher familiar with student’s current academic progress in core areas
   - one from a counselor, coach, or other non-relative community member

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**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**
How do students apply to the program?

1. **Complete the Online Magnet Application by noon on November 30, 2017.**
   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. **Application opens October 16, 2017.**

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—check it regularly. If you need assistance, please contact your school counselor.

3. Following applicant selection, students will be notified of a decision **by late January, 2018.** **No decision will be made until late January.** (If the number of eligible students exceeds the number of seats available, a random lottery selection will occur.)

4. Acceptance of placement offers must be made online. Once offered a seat, **families have ten calendar days to accept or decline. If there is no response, an automatic decline will be recorded on the 11th day.**

5. Successful applicants will be **required** to attend a Magnet welcome and registration meeting to be announced at a later date.
In order to participate in an Anne Arundel County School Middle School Magnet School Program, students and their parents or guardians must understand and agree to the following:

### Points to Ponder for Magnet Applicants and their Families

**Have you thought about:**
- your desire to remain at your home school and/or with friends?
- the rigorous workload of Magnet Programs?
- Magnet bus transportation, including location of consolidated bus stops and commute time?
- the required program of study, including world language requirements or a limited number of electives?
- specific program requirements, including summer bridge internships, and required projects for both middle and high school?
- your commitment for the length of the program—three years for middle school, four years for high school?

**Please consider these points before making a fully formed decision about accepting a seat a Magnet Program.**

### The Application Process & Deadlines

- All information submitted with the application will be maintained in confidence by all members of the screening committee.
- All programs are contingent on fiscal approval of the budget year for which you are applying.
- If the number of eligible students exceeds the number of seats available, a computerized random lottery selection will occur for eligible applicants.
- Eligible applications submitted after the deadline will be wait-listed in the order they are received. Students will be contacted in the spring, if space is available.

### Transportation

- Bus stops will be consolidated and may not be located within ordinary walking distances. Almost all consolidated bus stops will be at local elementary schools, middle schools, or libraries. Parents/guardians will be required to transport students to the consolidated bus stop or to the Magnet School. (Exception: CAT North/CAT South students will be picked up from and returned to their home school within the regular school day). Note: A list of consolidated stops is published by the Division of Transportation each August.

### Student Expectations

- AACPS Magnet Programs are rigorous programs of study. Student must meet high standards of academic achievement.
- If a student withdraws from the program, or is not successful in the program, he or she will return to his or her home school.
- Out-of-Area requests to remain at the school once exited from the Magnet will not be considered. Upon accepting a seat it is understood that a three year commitment is expected for MS programs and a four year commitment is expected for HS programs.

### Parent Involvement

- Students and their parents will be required to participate in evening and weekend Magnet events/performances associated with their Magnet Program during the school year.
- Acceptance and participation in a middle school Magnet program does not guarantee placement in the corresponding high school Magnet program.
- Participation in a three day Summer Bridge program
- Attend four Professional Arts Experiences per year (offered evenings and weekends)
- Successful completion of Extended Day classes (Prime related weekly classes that occur after schools)

### For STEM Applicants...

- Participation in a summer STEM experience each summer of middle school. These include: a STEM overnight experience (Grade 6), two one-day field experiences (Grade 7), one two-day Changemaker summer bridge (Grade 8). Students are also expected to participate in STEM Saturday sessions (approximately one per month) throughout the school year (Grades 6–8).

### To remain in a Magnet Program...

- IB and STEM middle school students must maintain grades of B or above in all subject areas, with two Cs allowable per marking period
- PVA middle school students must maintain a B or higher in Magnet Classes.
- Students must have appropriate behavior and attendance.