The IB in Montgomery County Public Schools

MCPS has expanded enrollment in IB from one school with 400 students in 1987 to over 16,000 students in 20 different schools with 24 programmes in 2015.

Primary Years Programme
College Gardens Elementary School
Learn more: http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/elementary/primary-years.aspx

Middle Years Programme
Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, Roberto W. Clemente Middle School®, Chevy Chase Elementary School, Francis Scott Key Middle School, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School®, Montgomery Village Middle School, Newport Mill Middle School, North Chevy Chase Elementary School, Neelsville Middle School, Richard Montgomery High School, Silver Spring International Middle School, Springbrook High School, Julius West Middle School, Watkins Mill High School, Westland Middle School (*IB Candidate Schools)
Learn more: http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/middle/middle-years.aspx

Diploma Programme
Learn more: http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/high/ib.aspx

Career-related Certificate Programme
Rockville High School, Watkins Mill High School

What's New with IB in MCPS?

• The IBCP is continuing to grow. Rockville HS will graduate its first group of IBCP this year and tripled enrollment in year 2 of implementation.
• Watkins Mill HS graduated their first cohort of 18 CP graduates in 2014, followed by 40 in 2015. Watkins Mill HS has 43 Senior CP students in line for the CP certificate.
• Watkins Mill Partnership (Montgomery Village MS, Neelsville MS, and Watkins Mill HS) are official IB Authorized Schools! Congratulations!
• Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. MS and Roberto W. Clemente MS are continuing their journey towards authorization.
• MCPS teamed with Prince Georges County to offer a multi-district teacher training IB workshops, providing networking opportunities for teachers. MCPS was able to offer this training to 125 teachers and administrators.
• The Diploma Programme (DP) MCPS added pilot course: IB Geography, IB Design Technology, IB World Religions, and IB Global Politics.
• College Gardens ES and Silver Spring International MS participated in the IB Evaluation visit and will use IB’s feedback and the school’s reflection to plan programme enhancements.

MCPS Success in the IB

• Almost 16,000 students enrolled in IB programmes in 2015–2016
• Over 3000 IB exams administered to MCPS students in 2015
• Students scored a 4 or better on 2369 exams
• Students scored a 5 or better on 1575 exams
• 315 Diplomas were earned in 2015
• MYP participation is positively related to greater success on AP and IB exams.
• Higher percentages of students who previously attended MYP schools achieved at least one college-ready score on AP or IB exams compared with students who attended non-MYP schools.
• Among students who took at least one IB exam, students who previously attended an MYP school took, on average, significantly more exams and they earned more scores of 4 or higher, compared with their non-MYP counterparts.
• More than 900 MCPS teachers are IB trained over 300 teachers this year alone!
• MCPS offers over 65 different diploma courses
• 25 MCPS educators are trained to conduct IB training, authorization visits, and verification visits.
• 15 MCPS educators are trained as IB Consultants
What is the International Baccalaureate?

The International Baccalaureate® (IB) is a non-profit educational foundation, motivated by its mission, focused on the student.

IB promotes intercultural understanding and respect, not as an alternative to a sense of cultural and national identity, but as an essential part of life in the 21st Century.

Three programmes for students aged 3 to 19 help develop the intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills to live, learn and work in a rapidly globalizing world.

Founded in 1968, IB currently works with 3,295 schools in 141 countries to develop and offer three challenging programmes to over 972,000 students aged 3 to 19 years.

The IB is more than its educational programmes and certificates. At heart IB educators are motivated by a mission to create a better world through education.

IB values a hard earned reputation for quality, for high standards and for pedagogical leadership. IB achieves goals by working with partners and by actively involving stakeholders, particularly teachers.

Learn more: http://www.ibo.org/

The Diploma Programme

The IB Diploma Programme (DP) is designed as an academically challenging and balanced programme of education with final examinations that prepares students, normally aged 16 to 19, for success at university and life beyond. The programme is normally taught over two years and has gained recognition and respect from the world’s leading universities.

The Middle Years Programme

The IB Middle Years Programme (MYP), for students aged 11 to 16, provides a framework of academic challenge that encourages students to embrace and understand the connections between traditional subjects and the real world, and become critical and reflective thinkers.

The Primary Years Programme

The IB Primary Years Programme (PYP), for students aged 3 to 12, focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, both in the classroom and in the world outside.

The IB Career-related Certificate

The IB Career-related Certificate (IBCC) is a new qualification that increases access to an IB education and is specifically designed to provide a flexible learning framework tailored by the school to meet the needs of students and the local community as well as the world beyond.

Learn more: http://www.ibo.org/ibcc/