

What is MYP?

The International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme is a comprehensive framework for students in grades 6-10 that encourages the development of cross-curricular connections and a focus on the whole learner.

Why did Northville Public Schools join MYP?

The Middle Years Programme provides students with the opportunity to make real-world connections and build 21st century skills: information literacy, critical thinking, organization, and the interconnectedness of learning.

How is MYP different?

Students in Northville Public Schools will still be learning the standards determined by the state (Common Core State Standards, Next Generation Science Standards). Learning the skills required by these standards will prepare students for standardized testing and build toward college readiness. The Middle Years Programme is a framework that organizes how students learn the pre-determined standards.

- Students and teachers focus on conceptual learning: students learn real-world concepts while mastering the skills in each content area.
- Students are scored on rubrics that encourage both students and teachers to view learning as a process and to develop a growth mindset.
- Teachers work to develop skills beyond their content area that help students find success in all aspects of their lives: communication, collaboration, reflection, research, and critical and creative thinking.
- Student work accumulates to a final project (Personal Project) that synthesizes their skills and allows them to explore an area of personal interest.



What is an MYP Certificate and what are the requirements for the certificate?

The Middle Years Programme Certificate is a document presented by Northville Public Schools to students who complete the Middle Years Programme. The MYP Certificate is also noted on the student's high school transcript. Completion of the programme includes the following:

- Students must complete the necessary courses in each of their five years.
 - Core MYP classes in each year of the programme
 - Core classes include Language and Literature (English), Mathematics, Individuals and Societies (Social Studies), Sciences, and Language Acquisition
 - One year of Design, Arts, or PE electives in both their 9th and 10th grade year (Middle School students must take all three of the courses)
 - Students must take a consecutive year of the elective (one full year of Arts, one full year of Design, or one full year of PE)
- Students must complete the Personal Project.

- Students have the option to complete the Personal Project as a one semester elective course or on their own

Why would my student want a MYP Certificate?

The Middle Years Programme Certificate shows a significant achievement for your student. Their dedication to the five year programme and completion of the Personal Project demonstrates a comprehensive skill set that should be celebrated.

Students can also reflect on their completion of the Middle Years Programme in the college application process. The International Baccalaureate Programme is recognized around the world for its rigor and preparation for 21st century thinkers and learners. Northville Public Schools are one of 18 school districts in the state of Michigan that offers the IB Middle Years Programme. Showcasing the achievements associated with the completion of the programme is another way to stand apart from other students who are applying to colleges, both in and out of the state.

Are there non-MYP classes available for 9th and 10th grade students?

The core classes taken by the majority of 9th and 10th graders at Northville High School will be taught as MYP classes. For example, all students take US History, and all sections of the US History class are taught as MYP classes. Students will focus on conceptual learning and will use rubrics to guide their learning.



Some higher-level elective courses will not be MYP classes, however.

Questions about scheduling and alignment with MYP can be directed to the counseling office and the district IB leaders.

What if we moved to Northville and have missed part of the programme?

The goal of Northville Public Schools is to include students in the programme. If a student has joined Northville Schools after 6th grade when the programme begins, there are still chances for completion of the Middle Years Programme and receipt of the MYP Certificate. Families can work with the counselors during the transition to Northville Public Schools to determine how to best fulfill the programme requirements.

What do I do if I have questions about MYP or the Personal Project?

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