

Frequently Asked Questions:

- *What is the IB Middle Years Programme?*
 - The IB Middle Years Program is a curriculum framework with eight subject areas:
 - The Arts (instrumental music, vocal music, visual arts)
 - Humanities (Social Studies)
 - Language A (English- Language Arts)
 - Language B (French, Chinese, Spanish)
 - Math
 - Physical Education
 - Science
 - Technology
 - The emphasis in the MYP is placed on educating the whole child, cultivating an increased international awareness, making connections between subject areas, and developing effective communication skills.
 - Learning to identify a problem and then to create and implement a plan to solve it is at the core of the MYP. At a minimum, students will be taught four MYP units in each subject area throughout the school year.
- *What do I need to do for my child to be a part of IB at Tates Creek Middle School? Is there an application process?*
 - The IB Middle Years Programme at TCMS is a "whole-school" program and all students who attend TCMS are MYP students.
- *What will my child be learning?*
 - The curriculum at TCMS will continue to follow the Fayette County School District and Kentucky State Standards. The delivery and assessment of that information will reflect the philosophy, learning styles and interdisciplinary approach required by MYP.
- *How will I know how my child is doing?*
 - Your child will be assessed by TCMS teachers using the Fayette County Public School Grading Practices and the TCMS Assessment Policy. Additionally, students will be assessed in their progress through the MYP based on criterion as defined by the International Baccalaureate.

- *How will my special needs child be supported in the Middle Years Program?*
 - Goals and accommodations set forth in a student's IEP will continue to drive your child's learning experience. For each MYP unit teachers write, they address how they will modify instruction and assignments for students with learning disabilities.

- *How can I support my child's learning?*
 - TCMS sees learning as a partnership between student, parent and school. You can help your child by:
 - ✓ Reading, watching or listening to national and international news and discussing the impact.
 - ✓ Asking your child open-ended questions to allow them to define and express their opinion.
 - ✓ Encouraging and assisting your child in becoming more involved in community service activities.
 - ✓ Displaying the Learner Profile Attributes. IB Learners strive to be... *Inquirers, Knowledgeable, Thinkers, Communicators, Principled, Open-Minded, Caring, Risk-Takers, Balanced, & Reflective.*