



International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program

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JEB Stuart High School
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Dear Parent(s):

Welcome to JEB Stuart High School and the IB Middle Years Program for 9th and 10th grade students. The Middle Years Program at Stuart is expanding to become a full-school model. We believe that the Middle Years philosophy, which encompasses global citizenship, multiculturalism, and the development of the whole child, will be beneficial to all 9th and 10th grade students at Stuart.

One of the components of the Middle Years Program is student assessment. The IB Middle Years Program is a **student centered program** whose framework challenges students through Areas of Interaction (AOI). In line with its general philosophy, the IB Middle Years Program assesses student work against defined criteria that meet world class standards. Our goal for our Middle Years Program students is to help them become comfortable with the assessment criteria for each subject area. Subject specific assessment criterion is explained in each class and the subject criteria are kept in each student's notebook.

Students in the Middle Years Program are assessed using criteria that have been established by the IB Organization for offered subjects. In the 10th grade year, the International Baccalaureate Organization requires that a variety of activities are assessed using the prescribed assessment criteria scales. To view the IBO assessment criteria, please visit <http://ibo.org>.

As your child journeys through this school year, you will notice a minimum of two assignments in each subject area-*Language A- English; Humanities- Social Studies; Math; Science ; Language- Foreign Language; Arts- Visual/Performing; Physical Education; Technology*, scored by the teacher and based upon these criteria. Each student has a rubric by subject that explains the IB Middle Years grading criteria for assessments. Students will examine these assessment criteria and apply these rubrics to their work.

In addition, all MYP 9th and 10th grade students are required to participate in some form of **community and service project** or **activity**. Students need a total of 40 hours (20 per

school year) to complete the community and service requirements. Please visit our website for community and service forms at <http://www.fcps.edu/StuartHS/>.

Lastly, current 10th grade students are working toward the completion of the personal project; the culminating activity of the IB Middle Years Program.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the Middle Years Program, please contact Grace Brown at— Grace.C.Brown@fcps.edu or 703.845.4542.

Yours truly,

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