



Molding students to become understanding and compassionate citizens of the world

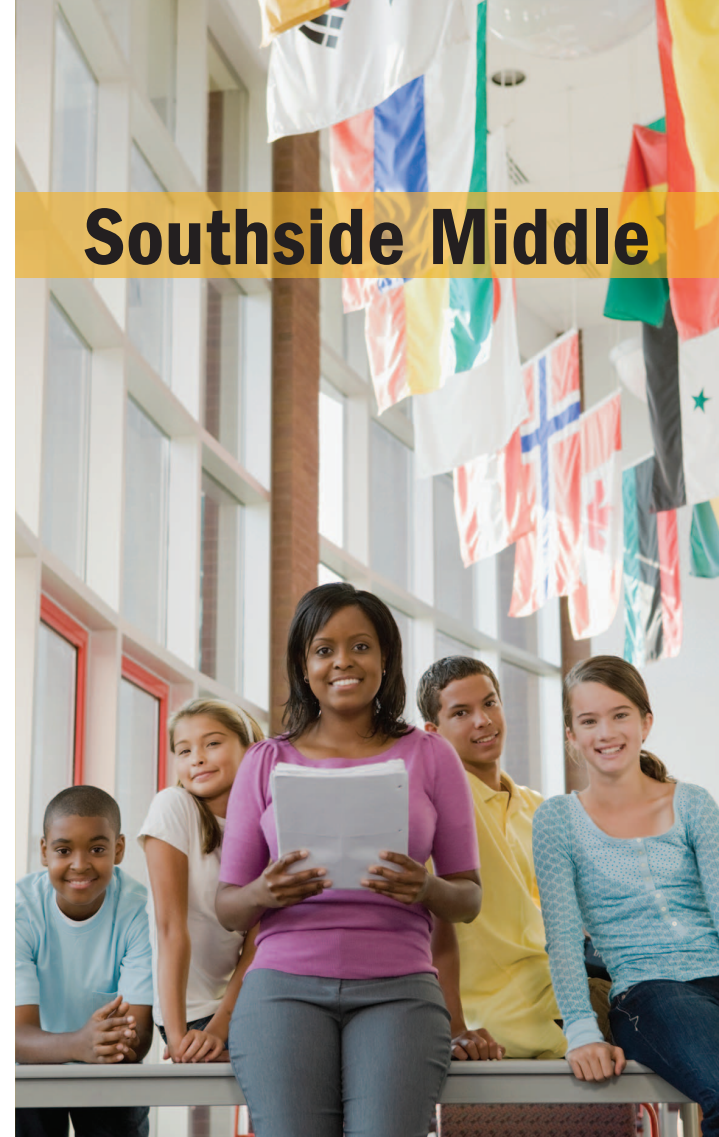
The Middle Years Programme (MYP) prepares students to enter the International Baccalaureate (IB) program at the high school of their choice. It's a holistic approach to education that takes advantage of the community's existing ethnic and cultural diversity.

If you want your child to be able to embrace diversity and take responsibility for his or her own learning, the quest begins here.

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The Middle Years Programme

Beginning the quest to become an International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme School



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An innovative approach blending diversity and education

The campus at Southside Middle School is a United Nations in microcosm. Already, more than 20 languages are spoken here on a daily basis. Every day offers countless teachable moments on cultural, ethnic and racial issues. The Middle Years programme (MYP) harnesses this rich diversity and uses it as a starting point to help prepare students for success in the International Baccalaureate (IB) program at the high school of their choice.

Preparing students for success in high school and college

Students at Southside Middle School experience learning in ways many of their counterparts at other schools can't. Cross-disciplinary teams work together to create an academic curriculum that extends learning from one classroom into the next. Students discover issues of global relevance interwoven with standard instruction, resulting in a deeper understanding of the subject matter – and of the world around them.

Real-life issues are explored in each academic content area, helping students make the connection between real life and academic requirements. For example:

- **Environmental issues are addressed in science classes.**
- **Political issues form an integral part of social studies classes.**
- **Economic issues are discussed in math classes.**

And through it all, the importance of multicultural diversity is stressed, so students learn the skills necessary to thrive in a global society.

As a Dreams Begin Here: A Next Generation Magnet School, we're grateful to the Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP) for a grant that allows us to offer the IB MYP magnet program.

Helping scholars develop their full potential

The IB MYP at Southside Middle School includes a wide range of separate resources that work together to help students make the most of their middle school years. These include:

- **Advancement Via Individual Achievement (AVID)**
- **SPIRIT Team, giving students a voice in school leadership decisions**
- **Social and Emotional learning**
- **Band and Chorus**
- **Drama Club**
- **Spanish and French classes**
- **Technology laboratory**
- **National Junior Honor Society**
- **Yearbook staff**
- **Annual Multicultural Day**
- **Knights Day**



IB MYP benefits students in numerous ways

The IB MYP experience provides a wide range of benefits for students, both in the short term and throughout life. They emerge from the program with the tools required for effective problem solving, critical thinking and self-awareness. Among the specific benefits:

- **Heightened awareness of self, country, global issues and their place in the world**
- **In-depth exposure to humanities, technology and fine arts**
- **Improved communication skills**

As a result, students at Southside Middle School develop naturally into well-rounded, proactive and positive thinkers, with an ability to translate learning received at school to the real world. In the world they'll inherit, they'll be fully equipped to participate as thinkers, risk-takers, inquirers and communicators.

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For more information about enrolling your child in the exciting IB MYP program at Southside Middle School, visit www.duvalschools.org/southside/ or call us at (904) 739.5238.