

# Consideration Phase: IB Middle Years Programme (MYP)

## Information for All Stakeholders

### Westlake High School



An International  
Baccalaureate World  
School

### What changes are occurring at Westlake High School?

Westlake High School is currently conducting a feasibility study to determine if the IB Middle Years Programme's philosophy, standards, and practices align to the school's curriculum and practices. If it is determined that this program is feasible, the initial application for candidacy will be submitted by April 1, 2018 and the authorization process will begin.

### What is the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IB/MYP)?

The programme, designed to be **inclusive across the entire school**, allows students to **build** on their personal strengths and to **embrace** challenges in subjects in which they may not excel. MYP students are offered the opportunity to **develop their potential**, to **explore** their own learning preferences, to **take appropriate risks**, and to **reflect** on, and **develop**, a strong sense of **personal identity**. MYP is an approach to teaching and learning based on the standards of international education. At Westlake High School, teachers will follow the Georgia Standards of Excellence/GPS and infuse the MYP philosophy to develop the knowledge, attitudes, and skills students need to participate effectively in life for them to succeed in the 21st Century.

### Why choose the IB-MYP?

The MYP teaches tools for lifelong learning and fosters responsible attitudes that help students discover how to use what they learn to take principled action. The MYP includes:

- rigorous learning objectives
- a student-centered approach to teaching
- international perspectives
- concern for the whole child
- sustained teaching and learning in more than one language
- a focus on learning how to learn
- the development of flexible thinking that prepares students to evaluate information critically and apply knowledge in complex, unfamiliar situations.

For additional information,  
please visit:  
[www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)

### How long does it take for a school to be IB-MYP authorized?

The authorization process has many phases: Consideration, Candidacy, and Verification. The process usually requires 3-4 years before a school is **fully** authorized to implement the Middle Years Programme.

| YEAR ONE<br>2017-2018   | YEAR TWO<br>2018-2019  | YEAR THREE<br>2019-2020  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete feasibility study and action plan</li> <li>• Engage all stakeholders in discussion of IB</li> <li>• Complete School Information Form</li> <li>• Complete required training for administrators and IB coordinator designate</li> <li>• Complete Application for Candidacy</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Train a minimum of one teacher per subject area</li> <li>• Begin work with IB-appointed consultant</li> <li>• In-school workshop: <i>Launch the MYP</i></li> <li>• Begin trial implementation of the IB-MYP, grades 9 &amp; 10</li> <li>• Creation of MYP units, curriculum maps, and IB policies</li> <li>• On-going professional development for all</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue teacher training</li> <li>• Continue trial implementation of the IB-MYP</li> <li>• Complete Application for Authorization (Oct. 1, 2019)</li> <li>• Prepare for IB verification visit, Spring of 2020</li> <li>• Continue to create and implement MYP units.</li> <li>• On-going professional development for all</li> </ul> |

**\*\* The goal is to have full implementation of the IB-MYP at the start of the 2020-2021!!!**