



RECOMMENDATION FOR MOVING THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME FROM EAST MILLBROOK TO WEST MILLBROOK

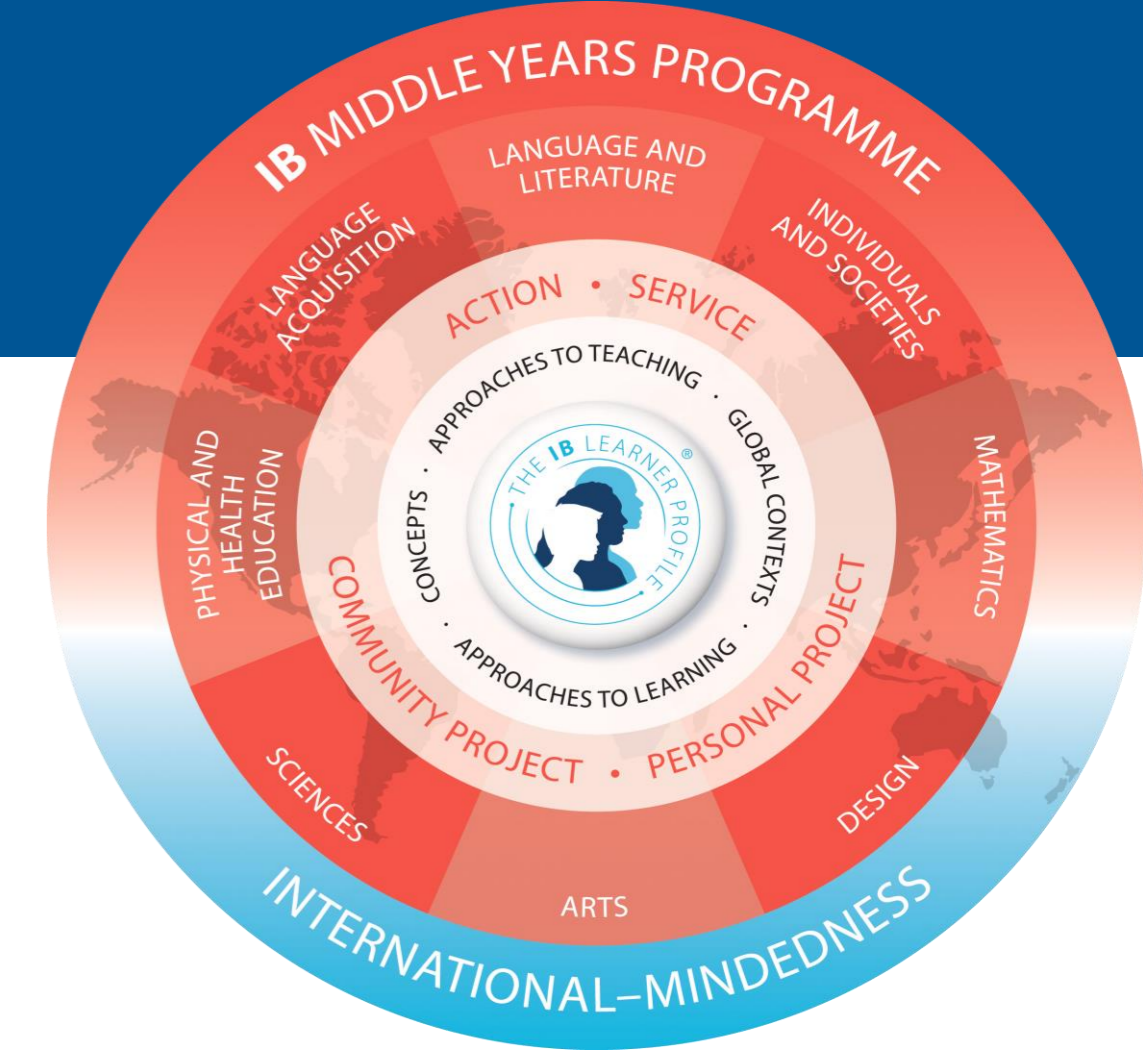
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RATIONALE

- East Millbrook needs to be able to focus on their more visible theme of Visual and Performing Arts to attract students to their school
- Millbrook High School needs a Middle School feeder to complete the 5 year IB Middle Years Programme continuum
- West Millbrook is in close proximity for students wanting to follow the Millbrook High School IB pathway
- Annual Magnet Applicant Survey shows there is continued interest in IB in the district
- West Millbrook is in alignment with the Magnet Objectives



International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (MYP)



What is the MYP?

- Implemented in over 1400 schools throughout 108 countries
- Balanced program designed to meet the needs of all students
- Program creates natural connections between the 4C's, dynamic learning experiences and the MTSS/ILT district initiatives
- Eight subject areas in every year (6th – 10th) of the programme
- Intentionality to help students make connections between multiple subject areas to ensure real-world applications and readiness

IB in WCPSS



Primary Years Programme

- Farmington Woods
- Fox Road
- Joyner
- Smith

Middle Years Programme

- East Garner
- East Millbrook
- *(proposed West Millbrook)*

Diploma Programme

- Broughton
- Enloe
- Garner
- Millbrook

East Millbrook

- First designated an International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme in 1996
- Part of the 1998-2001 MSAP Grant
- In 2015 East Millbrook was part of the 2015-2017 MSAP grant that the district did not receive
- In order for East Millbrook to be part of the grant their theme had to be significantly revised
- Their revised magnet theme is Academy of Visual & Performing Arts
- Focusing on one magnet theme will help East Millbrook increase their magnet applications and narrow their focus

West Millbrook

- Free and Reduced Lunch % consistently above the district average for the past 5 years at 42.6%
- From 2012-13 to 2016-17 Student Achievement remains flat with a performance composite in 12-13 of 57.3% and a performance composite in 16-17 of 56.8%
- Student achievement has been below the district average since 2012-13
- The school is under enrolled at 84.3% Capacity
- Enrollment has declined from 971 in 2012-13 to 829 in 2017-18
- 62.3% of base students attend West Millbrook as opposed to 68% of base attending base in other middle schools in the district

STAFF & PARENT FEEDBACK

- Email sent to staff Friday afternoon letting them know about West Millbrook potentially becoming an IB MYP Middle School
- Principal shared with staff that there would be an informational meeting about IB to get their input and ask questions on Wednesday afternoon
- Email sent to parents Friday afternoon letting them know about West Millbrook potentially becoming an IB MYP Middle School
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- Results of these input sessions will be shared at Student Achievement next week

PROPOSAL

- Move the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme from East Millbrook to West Millbrook starting in the 2018-19 School Year
- Recruiting at West Millbrook would start this fall at the Magnet Fair
- Funding for the IB Programme and teaching positions would come from repurposed funds from the Magnet & Curriculum Enhancement Office so there would be no additional cost to the district