

# International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme (MYP) Update – Sussman Middle School

## Overview

Sussman Middle School has successfully achieved designation as an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, offering the Middle Years Programme (MYP). This milestone reflects the school's commitment to providing a rigorous, globally focused educational experience that emphasizes critical thinking, inquiry, and student-centered learning.

## IB World School Authorization

On December 17, 2025, Sussman Middle School was officially authorized as an IB World School. This designation recognizes the school's alignment with IB standards and practices, including a focus on developing knowledgeable, reflective, and internationally minded students.

## Program Foundations

The IB Middle Years Programme is designed to:

- Promote inquiry-based learning and real-world application of knowledge
- Develop critical thinking, collaboration, and problem-solving skills
- Foster global awareness and intercultural understanding
- Support the development of well-rounded students through academic and personal growth [\[IB MYP DUS...esentation | PDF\]](#)

## Instructional Approach

Instruction within the MYP emphasizes:

- Learning through inquiry, action, and reflection
- Integration of academic content with real-world experiences
- Opportunities for student voice and choice in learning

A key component of the program is the integration of meaningful, project-based learning experiences that connect classroom instruction to real-life contexts.

## Student Learning and Engagement

Students participate in a variety of collaborative and interactive learning opportunities that promote engagement and ownership of learning. The program fosters a strong sense of community and teamwork among staff and students, supporting a positive and inclusive school culture. [\[IB MYP DUS...esentation | PDF\]](#)

## Service as Action

Service as Action is a core element of the IB MYP framework. Students apply their learning through service experiences that benefit their communities and develop leadership and civic responsibility.

- All students engage in service-based learning opportunities
- 8th grade students complete a Capstone Project
- The Capstone requires students to design and implement a community-based service project

This component reinforces the connection between academic learning and real-world impact.

## Student Voice

Students report choosing the IB program because it offers:

- Opportunities for deeper learning and exploration
- A collaborative and engaging learning environment
- Preparation for future academic success

Student perspectives highlight the value of the program in promoting confidence, independence, and meaningful learning experiences.