



**YORKTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL, MYP APPLICANT SCHOOL  
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS  
MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME**

- 1. How will my child get to Yorktown Middle School in the morning?**  
School bus transportation is provided from Grafton Middle, Queen's Lake Middle, and Tabb Middle. Parents are responsible for transportation to and from these pick-up and drop off sites.
- 2. What courses will my child be taking?**  
Your child will take the same York County curriculum with layers added on, for example, more cross-disciplinary connections and more technology integration. The MYP provides a curriculum framework which incorporates the YCSD curriculum and all state mandates. There are additional areas of focus in the MYP such as writing, community service, global perspectives, and inquiry approaches to learning.
- 3. What are the benefits for my child?**  
Focus on personal and intellectual development and creativity  
Students taught to participate actively and responsibly in our changing world  
Community service  
Acquisition of a second language  
International perspective  
Writing stressed in all classes
- 4. Can my child wait to apply in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade?**  
Yes, your child can apply on a space available basis.
- 5. Will students automatically be accepted into the York High School IB Programme if they're in the Middle Years Programme?**  
No, all interested eighth grade students will go through the application process for the IB Diploma Programme.
- 6. How does the lottery system work?**  
The applications of eligible students will be grouped for random, lottery-style selection. Twenty-five students will be selected.
- 7. How long has the Middle Years Programme been established?**  
The Middle Years Programme was developed and first implemented in 1994.
- 8. What are the five Areas of Interaction?**  
Approaches to Learning  
Community and Service  
Human Ingenuity  
Health and Social Education  
Environments
- 9. How are students assessed?**  
First, their teachers will use the various testing tools such as quizzes, homework, tests, and projects. They will also keep developmental notebooks. Certain work will be graded through a criterion-referenced tool.