

# The IB MYP Philosophy

- Focuses on rigorous academics.
- Puts students at the center of the curriculum and in charge of their own learning.
- Produces a climate where students discover how they learn best in different contexts.
- Calls for students to develop higher level thinking skills and important life skills.
- Promotes responsible global citizens, while preparing students for their future as members of a global society.
- Fosters tolerance and respect that leads to empathy and understanding.
- Provides intercultural awareness for students and staff.
- Facilitates communication for the development of interdisciplinary thematic instruction so students connect what they learn to the real world.
- Provide assessment criteria.

## Salem's Service the Community

### Requirement

All students must complete a minimum number of documented hours of community service by May of each school year.

Eighth grade students are also required to complete a Community Project.



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# International Baccalaureate

## Middle Years Programme

The Middle Years Programme challenges students to excel in their studies and personal growth. An emphasis is placed on preparing well rounded, healthy students with a healthy attitude of giving back to the community.

### IBO Mission Statement

The International Baccalaureate Organization aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who help create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

The Middle Years Programme encourage students to become active, compassionate, and life-long learners who understand that other people with their differences, can also be right.

### IB Learner Profile

The IB mission statement translated into a set of 21st century learning outcomes.

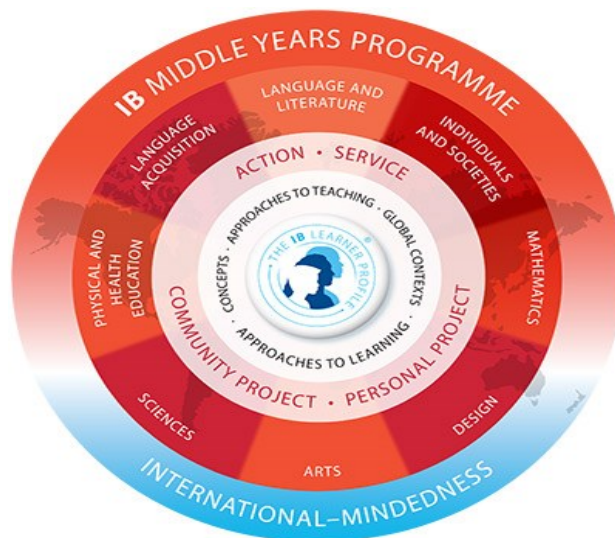
IB learners strive to be:

**Inquirers**  
**Knowledgeable**  
**Thinkers**  
**Communicators**  
**Principled**  
**Open-minded**  
**Caring**  
**Risk-takers**  
**Balanced**  
**Reflective**

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## MYP Curriculum Model

Eight academic subject groups where emphasis is on the interrelatedness of the subjects.



The Programme works with Inquiry-Based thematic units, created by teachers, to encompass the Global context and cover all subject content areas: Language and Literature, Language Acquisition (French or Spanish), Individuals and Societies (Social Studies), Mathematics, Sciences, Physical and Health Education, Technology, and the Arts. IB Objectives are aligned to Georgia Standards of Excellence and Performance Standards,; throughout the grade levels unit planning, formative assessments, summative assessments, and reflection strengthen the core of the units.

In addition to IB requirements, Salem also offers all year French and Spanish for .5 high school credit (Carnegie unit 7th & 8th), All year Visual and Fine Arts..

## Unique Characteristics of the MYP

- Holistic Learning
- Communication
- Intercultural Awareness
- Global Contexts

For additional information visit

[www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)

### Salem's Mission Statement

To foster an environment of academic success that prepares students for life-long learning.

### Vision Statement

To motivate, educate, and inspire Excellence in Everything.

### Beliefs

- ♦ All students have the right to learn in a safe, equitable environment
- ♦ All students should be respected, challenged, and nurtured daily
- ♦ All students have the right to positive collaboration with all stakeholders
- ♦ Meeting students where they are will promote academic growth

### Motto

**“Excellence in Everything”**

**Inspire to be...**

Smart  
Ambitious  
Limitless  
Educated  
Motivated

Educated