



Myers Park offers many options for the student planning to further his/her education after high school. We offer the International Baccalaureate (“IB”) Diploma Program and Advanced Placement (“AP”) classes.

**AP: Advance Placement (AP) is a national program of the College Board. Classes are taught at the college level, and students are challenged to develop and use critical thinking skills that will help them in college and beyond. Taking AP courses demonstrates that a student is up for the challenge that rigorous college level work requires and has the time management skills needed to succeed. AP courses and teachers will help the student handle challenging issues and problems. Additionally, AP courses give the student insight into what to expect in the next level of education and help build confidence needed to succeed. AP students sit for national exams in every AP class they take. Performing well on these AP exams can earn a student college credit, accelerated placement, and help students prepare for college because success in AP demonstrates readiness to tackle college level coursework.**

Myers Park offers AP courses in all core subject areas, CTE, music, and art. AP Spanish is also offered. Our students routinely outperform their state counterparts on the annual AP exams. AP classes run as year-long, A-Day/B-Day courses in preparation for national exams in the late spring. Beginning sophomore year, students can select to include AP courses in their class schedules. Juniors and seniors can select from one to eight AP courses each year. Most AP students average between three and four AP classes annually due to the workload involved to complete a college-level course. There is flexibility in course selection and no required service component to an AP course of study.

Myers Park offers the AP Capstone Diploma program. It is a diploma program based on two yearlong AP courses - AP Seminar (grade 10 or 11) and AP Research (grade 11 or 12). The two courses are designed to complement other AP courses that the AP Capstone student may take, and the two courses must be taken in sequential order. AP Seminar and AP Research use an interdisciplinary approach to develop the critical thinking, research, collaboration, time management, and presentation skills students need for college-level work. Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar, AP Research and four additional AP Exams of their choosing receive the AP Capstone Diploma. Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research, but do not earn scores of 3 or higher on

four additional AP Exams receive the AP Seminar and Research Certificate. Students who earn the recognition can view and print their diploma or certificate online. The award is acknowledged on any AP score report that is sent to colleges after the award has been conferred.

**IB: Myers Park is home to the first public International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program in North Carolina and the first Middle Years Program (IBMYP) in the United States. Myers Park is proud to join over 3,500 IB schools and more than 1,000,000 students in over 145 countries to promote academic excellence, responsible world citizenship, and respect for diverse cultures and attitudes.**

The IBMYP prepares freshmen and sophomores to meet the academic challenges of the IB Diploma Program. The fundamental concepts are holistic learning, intercultural awareness, and communication. The curriculum consists of eight subject groups integrated through five themes, providing global contexts for learning. In grade 10, students complete an independent Personal Project that demonstrates the development of their skills and understanding.

The IB Diploma Program is a comprehensive two-year course of study for highly motivated juniors and seniors. Students study in six different academic areas. They take at least three, and not more than four, subjects at the higher level (HL), and the others at the standard level (SL). Students are thus able to explore some subjects in depth (HL) and others more broadly (SL). Additional requirements include a special course in the Theory of Knowledge, a 4000- word Extended Essay, and participation in creativity, action, and service activities (CAS).

### **Need more information?**

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