



Anne Arundel County Public Schools  
**Extended Learning Program and  
International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme**  
**YOU CAN BE THE 'I' IN 'IB'!**



**What is the Extended Learning Program (ELP)?**

- The ELP is a challenging academic program for motivated students in grades nine and ten
- Students take Honors classes in English, Social Studies, Science, Math, and French or Spanish
- This 'pre-IB' course of studies prepares students for the *International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme* in grades eleven and twelve

**What is the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO)?**

- A non-profit educational foundation established in 1968 and based in Geneva, Switzerland.
- It offers to schools three programs: *The Primary Years Programme*, *the Middle Years Programme*, and *the Diploma Programme*.

**What is the IB *Diploma Programme*?**

- A pre-university course of academic studies which is internationally recognized
- It promotes intercultural awareness and international perspectives
- It is viewed highly by colleges and universities – see official college admissions policies on [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)

**Who is eligible for the Extended Learning/IB Program?**

- Grade 8 students in Anne Arundel County who meet the following eligibility criteria:
  - Earned a minimum of a 3.0 GPA in grade 7
  - Successfully completed Algebra I and a world language Level I by the end of grade 8
  - Scored *Proficient* or *Advanced* in MSA Reading and Mathematics in grade 7

**How do I apply for the Extended Learning Program?**

- Complete an application form available *at the end of September* from:
  - Your middle school guidance office
  - Annapolis High or Old Mill High School
  - Download an application form from [www.aacps.org](http://www.aacps.org)
- Attach to the application form:
  - a copy of the grade 7 final report card
  - Attach a copy of the grade 8 first marking period report card
  - Attach a copy of the MSA test scores
- Completed applications must be submitted to the IB School prior to the application deadline, December 1, 2005.

**Where are the ELP/IB schools located?**

- Annapolis High School and Old Mill High School are fully authorized to offer the programs
- School designations by middle school are listed on the ELP/IB application form
- Bus transportation is provided from consolidated bus stops

**How can I find out more information about the ELP/IB programs?**

- Attend the Public Information Sessions on November 15<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005 (see flyer)
- Check the websites: [www.aacps.org](http://www.aacps.org) [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)
- Contact your child's middle school counselor
- Contact the IB Coordinator at Annapolis High School, Fawn Mete ([fmete@aacps.org](mailto:fmete@aacps.org))
- Contact the IB Coordinator at Old Mill High School, Dr. Elizabeth Mitchell ([epmitchell@aacps.org](mailto:epmitchell@aacps.org))
- Contact the IB District Coordinator, Christine Amiss ([camiss@aacps.org](mailto:camiss@aacps.org))