



JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

*An International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme
World School*

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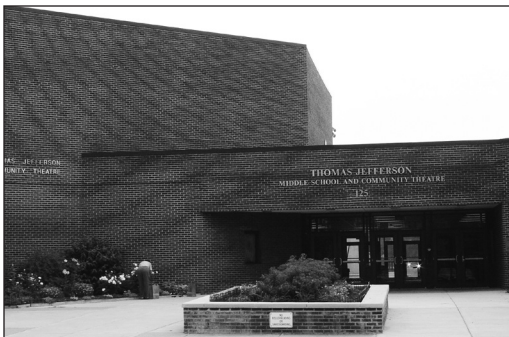
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Jefferson Middle School is an International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IBMYP), authorized by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) in the spring of 2007. Our programme, for all students grades 6-8, is designed to expose students to a global academic program that promotes interdisciplinary approaches to learning and critical thinking. As the only IB Middle Years Programme in Arlington, our students continue to be provided with a framework of academic challenge and skills for life-long learning. This program "offers an educational approach that embraces, yet transcends, traditional school subjects." All students receive their core academic instruction from a team of teachers. Additionally, students participate in a varied elective program and an active health and physical education program.

Jefferson is unique for many other reasons, one of which is its design and operation as a joint-use facility. Jefferson Middle School provides a child-centered approach to continuous learning. Interdisciplinary teaming, flexible scheduling, and a teacher-advisor program are integral parts of Jefferson Middle School. The staff at Jefferson works continually to create an exciting and productive middle school program where all students are nurtured and challenged to achieve at the highest levels possible.

GOALS

- Students will demonstrate rising achievement, and the gap in achievement between identified groups of students will continue to narrow.
- Teachers and staff will engage and challenge each student in an interactive learning process following the goals and guidelines established by the International Baccalaureate Organization.
- The climate at Jefferson Middle School will promote school safety, communication, and success for all students.



INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Units of study organized around an international theme
- Cross-curriculum planning supporting interdisciplinary teaching and learning
- Instruction in critical thinking, reflection, organization, and study habits
- Enrollment of students in a second language
- Weekly community service opportunities with AFAC (Arlington Food Assistance Center), A-SPAN (Arlington Street People's Assistance Network), Long Branch Elementary School and Patrick Henry Elementary School
- Daily after-school tutoring through partnerships with DISA (Defense Information Systems Agency), Booz-Allen & Hamilton and Ft. Myer Military Community

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- National Junior Honor Society
- Jefferson Ambassadors
- Academic Hallmarks
- Student Council Association
- Drama Club
- Teen Advisory Board
- The National Coalition of 100 Black Women
- World Languages Club
- Math Counts
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity
- Pep Band
- Cheer/Dance Squad
- Partnership Tutoring programs
- International Night

INTERSCHOLASTIC COMPETITION

- Swimming/Diving
- Wrestling
- Soccer
- Track and Field
- Basketball
- Tennis

In addition, intramural opportunities are offered to students from 2:30-3:30 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.