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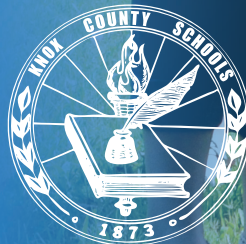
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Mission Statement

Bearden Middle School promotes and nurtures a supportive, dynamic learning environment by challenging every child to meet high expectations and therefore succeed in a diverse society.

Bearden Middle School
Learn Today, Lead Tomorrow



International Baccalaureate (IB)* is recognized around the world for excellence in education. In September 2014, Bearden Middle School was officially designated as an IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) candidate school. This program is designed to prepare students for the Diploma Programme, which is currently offered at West High School.

Every child at Bearden Middle will take eight year-long classes that support the mission of IB, which in part is to “develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.”

The MYP encourages students to become creative, critical, and reflective thinkers. Additionally, the MYP emphasizes intellectual challenge, encouraging students to make connections between their studies in traditional subjects and the real world.

Finally, the MYP fosters the development of skills for communication, intercultural understanding, and global engagement—essential qualities for young people who are becoming global leaders.

*Bearden Middle School is a candidate school** in partnership with West High School for the Middle Years Programme. These schools are pursuing authorization as an IB World School. These are schools that share a common philosophy—a commitment to high quality, challenging, international education that Bearden Middle School and West High School believe are important for our students.

**Only schools authorized by the IB Organization can offer any of its four academic programmes: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), or the Diploma Programme and the IB Career-related Certificate. Candidate status gives no guarantee that authorization will be granted.”

The Essentials

The Essentials of MYP

- IB at the middle level is called MYP (Middle Years Programme).
- MYP is a whole school initiative.
- Students will take the following classes yearly: Mathematics, Science, Individuals and Societies, Language and Literature, Design, Arts, Physical Education and Health Education, and World Language.
- Fine Arts options are band, chorus, art, and general music.
- World Language choices are Spanish or French.
- Anyone who desires to learn from the IB MYP experience is encouraged to apply to the school via the transfer process.
- For more information, please call the school for a tour and informational session. These are scheduled monthly via the guidance office.



Bearden Middle Highlights:

- **Nationally-ranked TSA team:** The Technology Student Association (TSA) is the only student organization devoted exclusively to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Members learn through leadership opportunities and exciting competitive events, such as designing websites, vehicles, robotics, and many other areas.
- **State-ranked Science Olympiad team:** Science Olympiad is an international organization devoted to improving the quality of science education, increasing student interest in science, and providing recognition for outstanding achievement in science education by both students and teachers. Students compete in a variety of events that require students not only to learn and apply science facts and concepts but also to practice teamwork, group planning, and cooperation.

As of 2014, over the 27 years Bearden Middle School has been competing in the tournaments, the team has won 22 Regional championships and 23 State championships.

- **AVID program:** Advancement Via Individual Determination is a global non-profit organization dedicated to closing the achievement gap by preparing all students for college and other postsecondary opportunities. Students must apply to the program, meet program requirements, and complete a personal interview to be considered an applicant.