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(9th & 10th grade)

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The Middle Years Program (MYP) philosophy and framework is infused in all of our 9th & 10th grade classes. It challenges students to see the practical connections between their course work and the real world. To learn more about the MYP Programme, visit the International Baccalaureate's website: <https://ibo.org/programmes/middle-years-programme/>

SERVICE AS ACTION

The Service as Action program is designed to empower scholars to take thoughtful and positive action in the world. This article from the United Way talks about some of the benefits of helping others:

<https://www.unitedwayhelps.org/blog/5-benefits-of-teen-volunteering>

9th GRADE: (2028 MYP Resources Classroom code: bipa5r7)

All 9th grade World History classes were introduced to Service as Action in October. Scholars joined the MYP Resources Classroom and set up their account in ManageBac. If your scholar has questions, encourage them to check the Google Classroom or stop by the library to speak with Ms. Lew.

10th GRADE: (2027 MYP Resources Classroom code: gzfazir)

SERVICE HOURS REMINDER: All scholars need 20 hours of community service as a high school graduation requirement. We encourage them to get this completed by the end of 10th grade. Encourage your scholar to look at the Service as Action section (below the Personal Project section) in the MYP Resource Classroom for details.

PERSONAL PROJECT: Scholars have been working hard on their projects! The final deadline for the 10th grade Personal Project is JANUARY 31, 2025. All of the information is in the 2027 MYP Resources Classroom. Successfully completed projects earn a ½ credit elective, equivalent to a 1-semester class. All scholars are expected to complete the Personal Project to get the most out of their MYP experience!

Please contact Ms. Lewandowski or Ms. Schlipp

(schlippda@milwaukee.k12.wi.us) if you have any questions.

This handout outlines the requirements for Service as Action and the Personal Project: <https://bit.ly/4eOkjtZ>

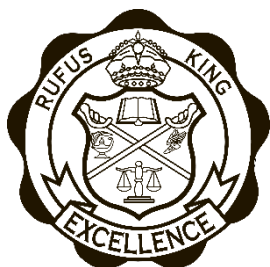


Please contact Ms. Lewandowski with any questions!

LIBRARY INFORMATION: The library is open during the school day, and until 4:30 Monday thru Thursday. Encourage your scholar to join the Library Resources Google Classroom (code: 4pfsifx) for access to online library resources and guides.

LIBRARY BOOKS: All scholars may check out books from our library. The loan period is 30 school days (weekends/no school days do not count.) There are no late fees; scholars are only charged if the book is lost or damaged. If a book is overdue, an email is automatically sent to their MPS email (s1234567@mymps.org). New books have begun arriving, with more to come over the next several months!

LUNCH in the LIBRARY: The library is available as a quiet alternative to the cafeteria. Scholars must show this year's ID with the correct lunch sticker, no food/drinks are allowed, and it is limited to the first 25 scholars. Scholars come in to read, catch up on classwork or just relax. We are making progress on our community puzzle!





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SAVE THE DATES

Feb. 12th
School Engagement Council
| Virtual

5:00 PM-6:00 PM
PTSO Meeting | Virtual
6:00 PM-7:00 PM

Feb. 17th
Mid Semester Break
NO SCHOOL

Feb. 18th
Professional Development
(HS)
NO SCHOOL

March 18th/19th
Parent Teacher
Conference Days

March 21st
NO SCHOOL

March 24th-28th
Spring Break
NO SCHOOL

April 18th
April Break
NO SCHOOL

May 26th
Memorial Day
NO SCHOOL



IT'S INTERNAL ASSESSMENT TIME!

Every Junior and Senior enrolled in an IB Diploma class is completing his/her Internal Assessments from December 2024 through March 2025. These range from oral presentations in IB English classes to analytical essays in History, commentary portfolios in Economics, Group 4 projects in science, dossiers in Computers, studio work in Theatre and Art, and mathematically analyzed projects in Math classes. Students in English, World Language and Theatre classes are facing individual interviews in which they analyze prompts appropriate to the subject. Such personal accountability and the ability to “think on your feet analytically using the language of your discipline” is what distinguishes the IB program from AP work, which may not have an oral component. These Internal Assessments range from 10-30% of a student’s final IB score, depending on the course.

IB EXAMINATION SESSION UPDATE

The IB tests are scheduled to be administered from April 29- May 21. The IB Organization has assured us that students who have registered for their IB Exams will have an opportunity to receive grades for these exams which may result in college credit based on college and university policies. If your student is testing, please be aware of the testing dates for their course(s) because the IB does NOT allow for rescheduling of IB exams.

2025-2026 COURSE SELECTIONS AND THE CLASS OF 2027

IB DP Coordinator Mr. Gatewood visited sophomore History classes on January 29th to inform students about the IB Diploma Program and options for their participation in IB Diploma classes. The IB Diploma program is a two-year program for Junior and Seniors to earn college credits while in high school. Since delivering the International Baccalaureate program is the mission of Rufus King, we expect all regular education juniors and seniors to be involved in at least one IB Diploma class each year, with the intent of taking the IB test at the end of each course. Current sophomores have decided whether to pursue the IB Full Diploma route. Those who have chosen this route will meet individually with Mr. Gatewood to go over their course choices for their junior and senior years.

IB DP CLASS OF 2025 - CREATIVITY, ACTIVITY, SERVICE DOCUMENTS DUE

Our IB Full Diploma candidates Class of 2025 need to complete their CAS experience by completing their Self-Initiated Project and entering their CAS activities, evidence, and reflections in ManageBac.



Exit interviews with advisors must be accomplished by Friday, March 14th to retain a candidate's Full Diploma status. Any questions can be directed to Ms. Dempsey at dempsee@milwaukee.k12.wi.us

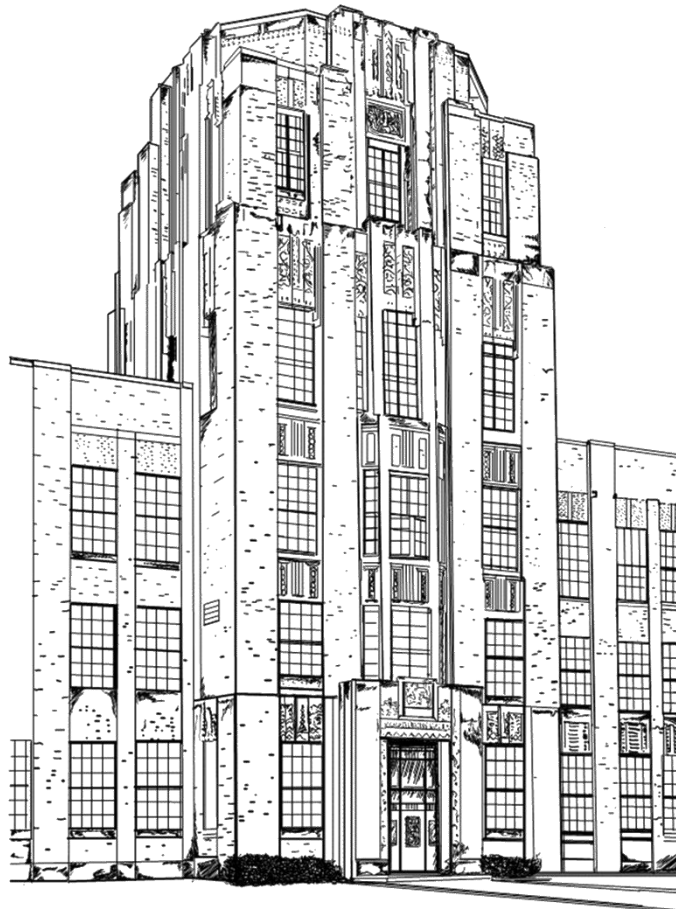
IB DP CLASS OF 2026 – EXTENDED ESSAY PROCESS IS UNDERWAY

Our IB Full Diploma candidates Class of 202 have received information regarding the Extended Essay requirement. These candidates received information regarding the requirement as well as started the process of developing research questions and finding an advisor. These students will also visit the library with their Theory of Knowledge classes and receive tips on research from our librarian Ms. Lewandowski. Questions regarding the Extended Essay may be directed to our EE Advisor, Mr. Joseph at josephj@milwaukee.k12.wi.us

RKHS Parents and Guardians, please complete the below survey, so your voice will be heard!

MPS School Engagement Survey 2024-2025:

https://mpsresearch.col.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8vthsN2BBv09xpY



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All Grade Levels

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All Grade Levels

School Counseling Website

Visit our [School Counseling Website](#). The site has a lot of information!

Xello

Please remember that ACP is now a graduation requirement. Students need to complete their Xello

ACT Prep

UWM offers an ACT Prep Class. More information [here](#)

Mt. Marv University Summer Leadership Academy - More information can be found [here](#)

WEOP Pre-College Fair- February 1st 9am-2pm @Marquette University-Monaghan Grand Ballroom

Talk with Wisconsin colleges, universities, and community partners about the opportunities they offer students in preparation for college and career readiness.

Semester 2 Course Change Requests

Details on course changes are on page 10 of the student handbook. All course request changes for sem. 2 must be emailed to your child's counselor, with a parent copied on the email, by Jan. 31. Students cannot enter a full year class at the beginning of sem. 2

Grade 9

Academic and Career Planning Conferences

All of the ninth graders have been engaging in [Academic and Career Planning](#) activities through Xello and class meetings. As a culmination of their experiences, each student will create a presentation and lead an Academic and Career Planning Conference with their counselor. Parents and guardians are invited to attend the conferences. The directions for the presentation can be found in your student's Xello assignments. Please look out for information on scheduling a conference.

Boys and Girls Club Graduation Plus Program

[The Graduation Plus College Access & Success Services at Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee](#)

Grade 10

Boys and Girls Club Graduation Plus Program

[The Graduation Plus College Access & Success Services at Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee](#)

MIAD Internship

Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design Internship Program is available to local high school students interested in art and design and we are very excited to announce that the 2025 application window is now open! Accepting applications until **February 1st, 2025**.

<https://www.miad.edu/design-internship-program-application>

Precollege Programs at UW Madison

Summer Engineering Camp at UW Madison (July 12-Aug 1, 2025)

- This is a free, three week residential program for rising Juniors and seniors who are interested in engineering.
- Current sophomores and juniors can apply
- Minimum GPA of at least a 3.0
- Applications due March 2, 2025
- Apply at www.go.wisc.edu/ESP

Community Service

Start your service hours now - 20 hours are required to graduate! See your counselor for ideas.

Grade 11

Wisconsin Direct Admit

The University of Wisconsin Campuses that are participating in Direct Admit can be found [here](#). The forms for direct admit are due by May 1, 2025 of your junior year. Pick up a form from your counselor or submit electronically [here](#)

Employment

Are you looking for employment? Milwaukee County Parks is hiring for lifeguard positions. More information can be found at



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Apprenticeship in Medicine- Medical College of Wisconsin

- If you are interested in an apprenticeship through the Medical College this summer and are at least 16 years old, the application and more information can be found [here](#).

Grade 12

Available Scholarships

New Scholarships added daily! See [here](#)

January Senior Letter

The January Senior letter will be mailed home after 1st semester grades are closed (Jan.24th). Please keep an eye out for the January letter with the updates on your Senior's graduation requirement status.

Reminder

Remind your student to inform their Counselor about ALL college acceptances and scholarships that they receive so they can be properly acknowledged!! *Scholarship Application week is Feb.24th-28th*

College Goal Wisconsin 2025

The FAFSA is now open! Do you need assistance completing your FAFSA (graduation requirement)? There are some local events to assist that can be found [here](#).

Thurs, Jan. 16- 6:00 pm - South Division HS