

# DMIS Middle School



**The unique benefits of the  
International Baccalaureate  
Middle Years Programme  
(IB MYP) at DMIS**

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# Why DMIS?



## The Advantages of our Middle School:

For our DMIS students:

- Consistent program from age 3 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Competitive advantage as they approach high school
- Continue to receive a world-class, international education
- Important stage of development – stay in a safe, nurturing, familial environment
- Progress in language studies at their level - going deeper into the language as no other school can provide
- Learn alongside new students from different backgrounds
- Ideal class sizes
- Exciting electives that provide unique learning opportunities after school



## The IB

The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

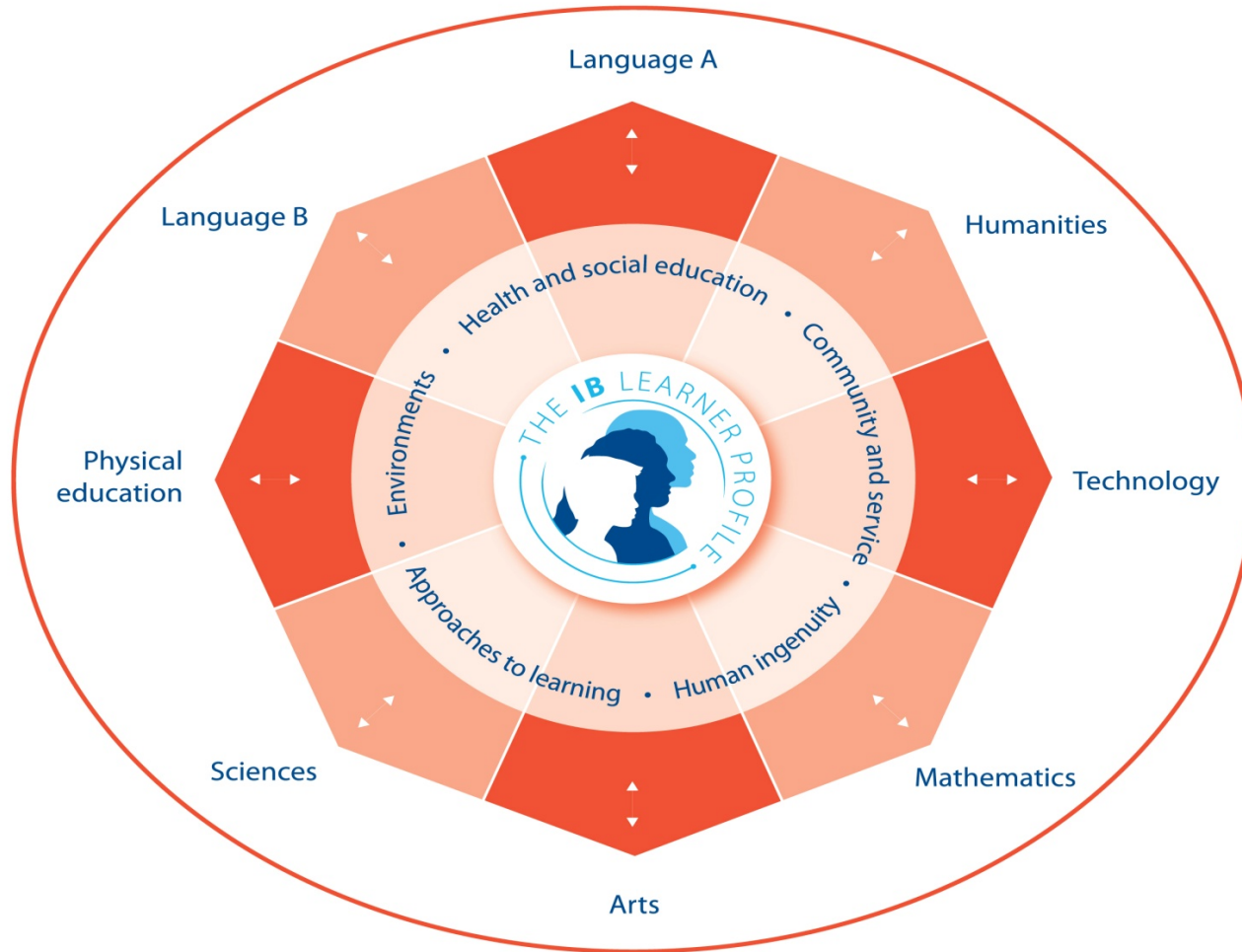
These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.



# MYP

- Fundamental concepts of holistic learning, intercultural awareness and communication
- Student-centered
- Academically rigorous
- Areas of Interaction connect disciplines to the real world
- Can be taught in any language
- Flexible enough to be used with any school's requirements
- Designed and reviewed by experienced, practicing educators

# Middle Years Programme Model





**Inquirers**

**Knowledgeable**

**Thinkers**

**Communicators**

**Principled**

**Open-minded**

**Caring**

**Risk-takers**

**Balanced**

**Reflective**

## What is the Learner Profile?

It's the IB mission statement translated into a set of learning outcomes for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The programme promotes the education of the whole person, emphasizing intellectual, personal, emotional, and social growth through all domains of knowledge.



**Approaches to  
Learning**

**Community and  
Service**

**Health and  
Social  
Education**

**Environments**

**Human  
Ingenuity**

## What are the Areas of Interaction?

They are common interactive themes embedded in the teaching of the subjects. By design, the AOI assist students in becoming more aware of the connections between subject content and the real world rather than viewing them in isolation.



**Language A**

**Language B**

**Humanities**

**Sciences**

**Mathematics**

**Arts**

**Physical  
Education**

**Technology**

## What are the subject areas?

Language A – English studies including grammar, writing and literature

Language B – studies in French, Spanish or Mandarin at a novice or intermediate/advanced level

Humanities – history, geography and society

Sciences – life science

Mathematics – number sense

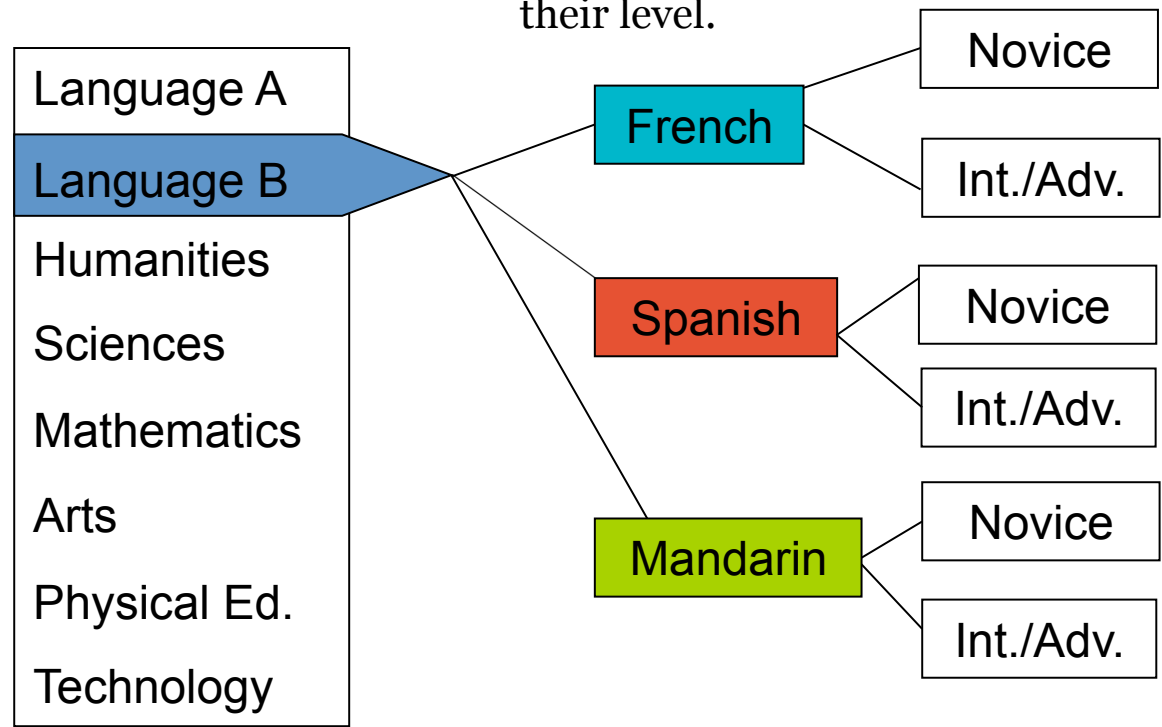
Arts – visual arts, music and drama

Physical Education – sport, teamwork and physical fitness

Technology – computer and design

# A closer look at Language B

Students are placed in the novice track as entering 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Students who graduate the DMIS elementary program or who demonstrate proficiency will be placed in the Intermediate/Advanced track for this subject area. The targeted instruction for this subject allows students to delve deeper into the language at their pace. At approximately 20% of their schedule, DMIS middle school represents the only option in Denver where students receive more language at their level.



# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:15-8:30	Drop off	Drop off	Drop off	Drop off	Drop off
8:30-9:15	Math	Math	P.E.	Language A	Visual Art
9:15-10:00	Language A	Technology	Language A	Language A	Humanities
10:00-10:15	RECESS	RECESS	RECESS	RECESS	RECESS
10:15-11:00	Language A	Technology	Math	Math	Math
11:00-11:45	Humanities	Language A	Humanities	Language B	Language B
11:45-12:45	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
12:45-1:30	Science	Language A	Drama	Language B	Language B
1:30-2:30	Language B	P.E.	Math	Humanities	Science
2:30-3:30	Language B	Language B	Science	Music	Study Hall
3:30-3:45	Pick up	Pick up	Pick up	Pick up	Pick up
3:45-4:45	Electives	Electives	Electives	Electives	Electives