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Martin County School District

***Indiantown Middle School authorized to offer the
International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme***

Today, Indiantown Middle School received notification from the International Baccalaureate Organization that the school has been authorized to offer the *International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme*. Indiantown Middle is the only middle school in the district to now offer the *IB Middle Years Programme*.

Indiantown Middle applied for the *IB Middle Years Program* in May 2006, and was granted "candidate school" status in December 2006. Since becoming a candidate school, Indiantown Middle has worked to fully implement the *Middle Years Programme* while providing professional development training for faculty, staff, and parents. "All of our students, faculty, and staff were so excited to get the news today that we are now authorized to offer the *IB Middle Years Programme*. We have worked very hard to achieve this goal and have already seen a positive impact from the Programme on our students' academic achievement and in their involvement in the community," said Principal Debbie Henderson.

The *IB Middle Years Programme* is designed to teach students to become independent learners who can recognize relationships between school subjects and the world outside. It also teaches students to adapt to new situations and to combine practical/social intelligence with relevant knowledge to solve authentic problems alone or in groups. Successful teaching of the *IB Middle Years Programme* requires commitment to its fundamental principles on the part of the whole school community, and a high degree of communication and collaboration between teachers.

For more information on the *IB Middle Years Programme* at Indiantown Middle School, please contact Principal Debbie Henderson at 772-597-2146.