



“EXPLORING THE IB”

An IBNA-Approved Orientation Workshop Sponsored by MARC IB World Schools

Name:

School/School District:

Breakout Session:

On behalf of the entire family of MARC IB World Schools, I'd like to thank you for registering for our orientation workshop. The many MARC coordinators, administrators, teachers, and staff who will be presenting or volunteering at the workshop very much look forward to meeting you and your colleagues and sharing with you our enthusiasm for the International Baccalaureate! We hope your experience with us will be informative and your stay in the Washington DC area will be enjoyable. If you still have questions and/or concerns after reviewing this information packet, please don't hesitate to contact me at johnLday@mac.com, or by phone at (608) 238-1284.

Kind regards,
John L. Day
MARC Workshop Coordinator

Practical Details:

Workshop Location: **Sheraton Reston Hotel**
 11810 Sunrise Valley Drive
 Reston, VA 20191
 (703) 620-9000 www.sheraton.com/reston

Workshop Dates: **Check-in with MARC staff** either on Friday, 31 October from 4:00-7:00 or on Saturday, 1 November from 7:30- 8:45 AM. (Continental breakfast will be served from 7:30 -8:45 AM).
Workshop will run from 9:00 AM-4:30 PM on Saturday, 1 Nov.

Accommodations: Those participants wishing to stay at the Sheraton Reston on Friday, 31 October and/or Saturday, 1 November, will need to make their own reservations at the hotel (hotel accommodations are *not* included in the registration fee). The deadline to reserve rooms at the special MARC rate is Oct 22. If no more rooms are available at the Sheraton, the Hyatt Regency at Reston Town Center (703.709-1234) is close by and a shuttle will be running between the two hotels. Or you could “google” the Reston/Herndon area for less expensive options.

Meals: Continental breakfast, lunch, and refreshment breaks on Saturday, 1 Nov. are included in the registration fee. All other meals are “on your own.”

Airports: Dulles International Airport is 10 minutes from the hotel (from which the Sheraton runs a shuttle – just call the hotel when you arrive). Reagan National is about 30 minutes away (non-rush hour), BWI (Baltimore) is about 60 minutes away (non-rush hour).

Driving directions:

Most drivers to the workshop will be heading west from the Capitol Beltway (I-495) on what’s referred to as **the Dulles Toll Road (Route 267)**. If you are not familiar with the area, you need to know that there are actually two roads: the access road to Dulles Airport runs *inside* the Toll Road. *Do not take the inside road* – or you’ll end up at the airport and have to turn around there and head back east to Reston. Instead, stay to the right to get on the Toll Road (Route 267). Go through the main toll plaza (\$.75) heading west. Take **Exit 12 at Reston Parkway (Route 602)**. Go through the toll plaza (\$.50) and take a left turn at the light. Go to the second light and take another **left onto Sunrise Valley Drive**. Go through one light and **the hotel is on the left at the second light**. There is limited parking to the right as you pass the main hotel entrance, and much more parking further on in back of the hotel. (Hotel parking is complimentary.)

Coming from points north and east: **From I-95 south or Route 50 west**, get on the Outer Loop of the Beltway/495 (going counter-clockwise), headed north toward Northern Virginia, crossing the Potomac River at the American Legion Bridge. Take the **right exit** at the Dulles Toll Road (Route 267), which is Exit 45 off the Beltway. Follow directions above.

Coming from points south: **From I-95 north**, get on Inner Loop of the Beltway/495 (going clockwise), headed north toward Tysons Corner. Go past Route 7 and Route 123. Take the **left exit** at the Dulles Toll Road (Route 267), which is Exit 45 off the Beltway. Follow directions above.

Coming from points west: **From I-66 east**, exit at Route 28 north toward Dulles Airport. Exit Route 28 at the Dulles Toll Road (Route 267) east toward Washington. Exit at Reston Parkway (exit 12). At top of the ramp, take a right. Take a left at the next light onto Sunrise Valley Drive and pick up directions above. **From Route 7 east**, heading toward Tysons Corner from Leesburg and Sterling, take a right turn onto Reston Parkway (Route 602). Follow Reston Parkway until you cross over the Dulles Toll Road (Route 267). Take a left turn at the second light after the Toll Road onto Sunrise Valley Drive and pick up directions above.

Golf: For those golf enthusiasts arriving early or staying over at the Sheraton Reston, take advantage of the Reston National Golf Course right across the street from the hotel. For reduced rates and reserved tee times, contact Rose via email (rose.henderson@crestlinehotels.com) and indicate that you’ll be attending the MARC IB Orientation Workshop.

Workshop Format:

Check in with MARC staff and pick up workshop material: Friday, 31 October, 3:00-8:00 PM
Saturday, 1 Nov., 7:30-8:45 AM

Workshop hours: 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM on **Saturday, 1 November**.

Current practitioners of the IB programs within the MARC family of IB schools will be present at breakfast, during the refreshment breaks, and at lunch to chat with you informally about their own IB experiences and to answer any questions you may have. We highly encourage you to take advantage of this networking opportunity, since networking with our IB colleagues locally, nationally, and internationally is one of the many attractions of the IB.

- 7:30-8:45: **Continental breakfast** in the Reception Foyer. Even if you're not staying at the hotel, we encourage you to arrive in time to enjoy meeting our volunteers and the other attendees over coffee/tea, pastries, fruit, and cereals.
- 9:00-10:15: **General plenary**. Representatives from IBNA and MARC will provide an overview of the IBO and its programs, along with the services and contacts within the organization which should prove helpful to as you continue "exploring the IB"
- 10:15-10:45: **Refreshment break**. Networking opportunities with each other and with IBNA and MARC representatives.

You will notice at the top of this information packet that we have designated a specific **breakout session** for you to attend – one before lunch, and one after lunch. We based this designation on the information we received on your registration form. In some cases we were not sure which session you'd be most interested in. **If you'd like to change your breakout session designation, please contact John Day via email at your earliest convenience (johnLday@mac.com)** so we can ensure that you'll end up in the session you would prefer to attend. If there are several folks attending from your school district, you may want to separate into different breakout sessions to achieve wider coverage. Note that during the final plenary, you'll have an opportunity to attend two overview sessions for those programs you were not assigned to.

- 10:45-12:15: **Morning Breakout Sessions**
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| Heads-of-School | ---- | to include not only principals, but central office administrators, school board members, parents. |
| Diploma Program | ---- | to include those interested in the pre-university preparation, assessment, and examination program for students in Grades 11 and 12. |
| Middle Years Program | ---- | to include those interested in IBO's program for students between the ages of 11 and 16, i.e., the "middle years," however your school district designates their grade levels. |
| Primary Years Program | ---- | to include those interested in IBO's program for students between the ages of 3 and 12, i.e., the "primary years," however your school district designates their grade level. |
- 12:15-1:15: **Lunch**. Buffet style, with more opportunity to enjoy the company of your colleagues and to interact with MARC volunteers.

1:15-2:45: **Afternoon Breakout Sessions**
Continue in same designated groups as morning breakouts.

2:45-3:15: **Refreshment break.** Networking opportunities with each other and with IBNA and MARC representatives.

In order to give all participants a more comprehensive picture of all the IBO programs, we organized the **final plenary** in a “rotating” format of two overview sessions. This will give you an opportunity to learn a bit more about the “other two programs.” For example, if you were in the DP breakout for the morning and afternoon sessions, you would be in the MYP and PYP overview sessions during the final plenary. Those in the Heads-of-School breakout will be able to choose any two overview sessions of the three programs.

3:15-4:30: **Rotating Final Plenary**
3:15-3:50: DP group will be in MYP overview session
MYP group will be in PYP overview session
PYP group will be in DP overview session

3:55-4:30: DP group will be in PYP overview session
MYP group will be in DP overview session
PYP group will be in MYP overview session

Note: HOS group will attend whichever two overview sessions they want in whichever order they want.

4:30: **MARC Orientation Workshop ends.**

Workshop Goals:

1. To provide accurate information concerning IBO programs.
2. To become a resource for schools and school systems considering IBO programs.

Workshop Objectives:

Participants will be introduced to:

1. ...philosophy, structure and purposes of IB programs
2. ...educational advantages of IB programs
3. ...professional development process within the IBO
4. ...the IBO application and authorization processes
5. ...financial obligations of IB authorization
6. ...services expected from IBO and IBNA
7. ...processes employed in working with IBO, IBNA, and MARC

Faculty:**Heads-of-School/Administration**

Faye Brenner, Advanced Academic Program Specialist, Fairfax County Public Schools, VA
Albert DuPont, Principal, College Gardens Elementary School, Rockville, Maryland
Deirde Lavery, Principal, Glasgow Middle School, Alexandria, Virginia
Jay Pearson, Principal, George C. Marshall High School, Falls Church, Virginia

Diploma Program

Kerri Lancaster, DP Coordinator, Oscar Smith High School, Chesapeake, Virginia
Dave Roylance, DP Coordinator, J.E.B. Stuart High School, Alexandria, Virginia

Middle Years Program

Jim Albright, MYP Coordinator, Alice Deal Middle School, Washington D.C.
Robert Harrison, MYP Coordinator, Glasgow Middle School,

Primary Years Program

Lana Bartlett, Teacher, College Gardens Elementary School, Rockville, Maryland
Ryan Baxter, Teacher, College Gardens Elementary School, Rockville, Maryland

MARC Field Representative

Erin Albright, DP Coordinator, Annandale High School, Fairfax, Virginia

MARC President

Linda Hutchinson, Hampton High School, Hampton, Virginia

MARC Workshop Coordinator

John Day, DP Coordinator (ret.), Montgomery County Public Schools, Maryland and Fairfax County Public Schools, Virginia