



The Mid-Atlantic Association of IB World Schools

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Message from the President

Our vision for IBMA is to provide opportunities for coordinators, teachers and administrators from around the region to educate, participate and lead. You will find throughout this report many instances of how we enact that vision, but we are always looking for ways to grow and learn from each other. This year, we begin Educhats-weekly virtual conversations among coordinators to discuss current educational issues and share best practices. We are adapting the Summer Academy to best meet the needs of experienced teachers and teachers new to the profession or to IB by differentiating the days to include full day professional development with regional experts of the IB and its philosophy, in conjunction with full day subject boot camps for teachers who have little to no IB experience. Whatever the initiative, the goals remain the same: how do we best continue to educate and learn from each other with our ever-growing and ever-changing member schools? We encourage all members and schools to become more involved: host a networking or coordinator meeting, or provide an expert facilitator at a subject boot camp, or even attend a conference and come back to the group to share your experiences. If you would like to play a larger role in the Mid-Atlantic Regional Association of IB World Schools or have suggestions for additional programming you would like to see implemented, please don't hesitate to contact any of the board members with your ideas. We look forward to learning from each other this school year and in the years to come.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

The mission of the IBMA comes alive with its quarterly meetings. Four times throughout the school year, PYP, MYP, DP and CP Coordinators gather in an IB World School in our region to network, advocate and celebrate learning. General sessions which bring together all coordinators are supportive and informative in nature. Further collaboration occurs in the program-specific sessions. Coordinators network while dining together before the meetings conclude.

Each year, the late fall meeting is a time to bring Coordinators and administrators together to center their attention on their school's IB program. In December 2015, Coordinators, along with a school administrator and teacher, participated in sessions led by Harvard's Project Zero. They focused on perspective taking and global competence; understanding the world through disciplinary and interdisciplinary study. Looking forward to 2016, Alan November will engage IB students as well as IB Coordinators, teachers & administrators. Last winter, there was a service learning fair, complete with community groups and a visit from CAS experts from the IB Americas headquarters. Coordinators reflected on the value of CAS and how to connect activities with subject areas. During our winter 2017 meeting, Coordinators will turn their focus to international mindedness.

The late spring meeting is held at a Washington DC venue that can be a springboard for Coordinators to plan school field trips. In June 2016, we toured the International Spy Museum and participated in a session entitled the Role of Intelligence throughout History. In June of 2017 we are scheduled to visit the brand new African American History museum.

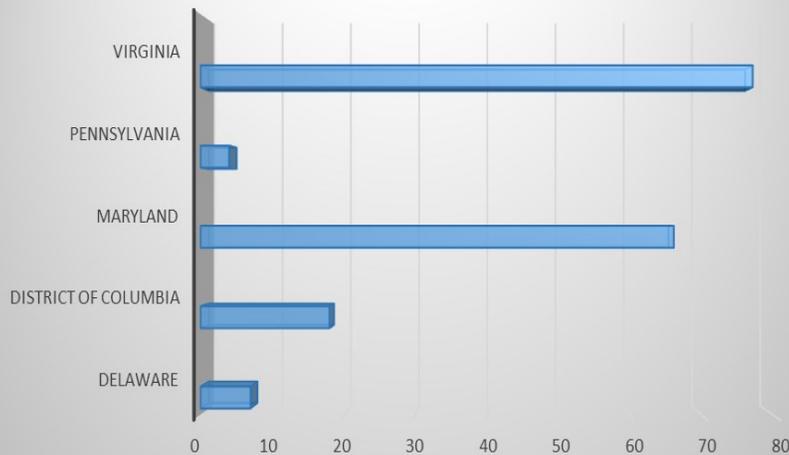
THE IBMA MISSION:

The Mid-Atlantic Association of IB World Schools fosters a collaborative environment for all members to serve and advocate for IB World Schools throughout the region.

The Mid-Atlantic Association of IB World Schools is a registered 501c3

EDUCATE - PART

IBMA Member Schools



2015-2016 MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

169 Member Schools

139 Public Schools

21 Private Schools

12 Public Charter Schools

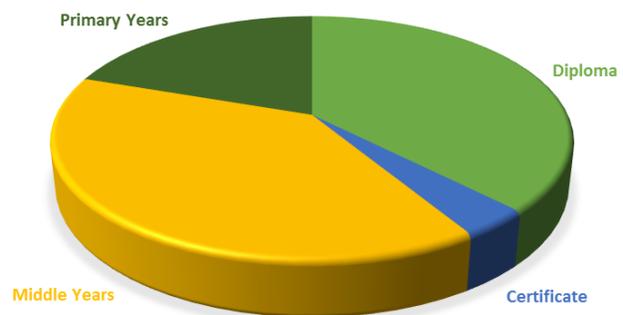
NETWORKING SESSIONS 2015-2016

Diploma Programme	10
Career Programme	1
Middle Years Programme	7
Primary Years Programme	2

SCHEDULED SO FAR THIS YEAR...

Diploma Programme	9
Middle Years Programme	2
Primary Years Programme	2

PROGRAMMES



NETWORKING SESSIONS

IBMA networking sessions are a forum where current IB educators from the four programs in the region collaborate with other educators teaching the same subject. This is an opportunity for professional development, sharing instructional strategies, resources, and collegial support that is aligned with the specific IB program requirements. All resources are posted on the IBMA website.

Coordinators use the first meeting of the year to identify needs and share those with their programme level VP. Schools are asked to host and to provide facilitators for the professional development portion of the networking.

T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST



In 2015 the IBMA Board announced a t-shirt design contest open to all member schools. Schools representing every area of the continuum across the region, provided us with over 50 entries! A very difficult judging session took place with no school or student names attached to the artwork. A panel of four board members had the task of choosing the best artwork out of many excellent entries. After lengthy deliberation it was decided that one design was not enough. Two winners were chosen as well as a third design that was used for the cover of the IBMA Summer Academy program. The winning t-shirt designs came from Old Mill Middle School North and Glasgow Middle School.



TICIPATE - LEAD

Summer Academy 2016

The 2016 IBMA Summer Academy at George C. Marshall High School in Falls Church, Virginia was a huge success. The Academy kicked off on July 27th with pre-conference sessions that engaged participants through examining creativity in the classroom and learning how to incorporate creativity in the PYP units of inquiry. MYP participants learned how to align content with the IB Interdisciplinary Unit, and DP and MYP participants learned how to incorporate hands on TOK activities across the curriculum. Continuum sessions taught participants how to teach using the ATL Framework and how to employ mindfulness meditation techniques in the classroom.

Pre-Conference Sessions

PYP	The Creative Classroom	Ann-Marie Evans
MYP	Interdisciplinary Unit Planning in the MYP	Celina Pierrottet and Xavier Alire
MYP and DP	TOK Across the Curriculum	Jerry Chris
Continuum	Approaches to Teaching and Learning in the DP and MYP Classrooms	Kate Hebdon
Continuum	Mindfulness, Compassion, and Happiness: Innovative Strategies	Lorne Young and Claudia Santos

The Summer Academy sessions on July 28th provided participants the opportunity to network with IB colleagues from all over the region and learn from current IB practitioners. The sessions covered all aspects of IB teaching and learning from using Visible Thinking, critical thinking, and debate strategies in the classroom to organizing a unit of inquiry, building a long-lasting community project, and adding CP to a DP school. Thank you to all of our presenters, participants, and vendors who helped make the 2016 IBMA Summer Academy a success!

COLLEGE FAIR

April 2016 marked our 5th annual College Fair. For the past four years, Gar-Field High School has been our host. Each year we bring over 125 colleges and universities from the U.S. and around the world to the IB students of the mid-Atlantic region. In addition to the Fair, we offer specialty seminars for families and students including IB 101 for the parents of rising juniors. We also offer sessions on Financial Aid, applying to schools outside the U.S. and how to advocate for credit. This year's Fair promises to be bigger than ever. Join us on Saturday, April 1, 2017 from 12:30 to 3:00pm. We'll be there...will you?



Orientation and Boot Camp

This year, on Saturday, October 15th, Robinson Secondary School hosted an IBMA Orientation and Subject Boot Camp. Laura Lane and Laurie Ainsworth introduced participants to how to successfully implement the Middle Years and Career Programmes. For the first time this year, we offered our one-day Boot Camp sessions. Over 40 experienced educators from around the region presented about their specific subjects to almost 250 new IB teachers from around the region. The event was a success and we've already begun talking about replicating this as part of the Summer Academy. We were also thrilled to have Phil Evans from the IB Americas office join us for the opening plenary.

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH IBMA AND OUR EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR
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How can YOU contribute to the services IBMA provides to member schools?



read and respond
contribute to on-line discussions or help answer questions



attend
coordinator meetings



host networking or coordinator's meetings



bring your students to the IBMA College Fair



present an idea or practice that others might benefit from



volunteer to help at an IBMA event



involve your faculty and administration in attending IBMA events



run for a board position



mentor a new coordinator or teacher

Educate - Participate - Lead
CHOOSE YOUR INVOLVEMENT

THANK YOU TO OUR 2015-16 HOSTS

September Meeting:
Eastern Henrico Rec Center
Henrico, Virginia

December Meeting:
Robinson Secondary School
Fairfax, Virginia

February Meeting:
Parkdale High School
Riverdale, Maryland

June Meeting:
International Spy Museum
Washington, DC

Orientation Seminar:
George Mason University
Fairfax, Virginia

College Fair:
Gar-Field High School
Woodbridge, Virginia

Summer Academy:
George Marshall High School
Falls Church, Virginia
Fairfax, Virginia

FIND US, LIKE US, FOLLOW US! WE'RE ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER!

As IBMA continues to grow, so does our social network. If you want to keep up with all of our events and news in IB that affect our region, then our Facebook page is the place to be. "Like" IBMA on Facebook and you will have the benefit of having the most recent news delivered directly to your news feed. Never miss an opportunity to participate or collaborate! Stay up-to-date on events, news, announcements. Share your own, or read other people's positive experiences with IBMA. Check out pictures and take part in our collective vision to *Educate, Participate and Lead* through IBMA.

