



Nolan Richardson Middle School

International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme

*Nolan Richardson Middle School is authorized to offer the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IB MYP). All Richardson students participate in the IB MYP. IB schools merge state standards with IB pedagogy to encourage both personal and academic achievement, challenging students to excel in their studies and in their personal development. In addition to core content classes and physical education, IB MYP students take a visual or performing art, foreign language, and IB Design course each year. The IB Design course challenges all students to: apply practical and creative thinking skills to solve **design** problems, explore the role of **design** in both historical and contemporary contexts, and consider their responsibilities when making **design** decisions and taking action. Richardson IB Design courses have a primary focus for each grade level. Sixth grade Design primarily focuses on humanities. Seventh grade Design primarily focuses on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Eighth grade Design primarily focuses on career and technology skills. IB MYP course names may differ from traditional course names. IB course content includes traditional content supplemented with the IB Learner Profile, IB Approaches to Learning, IB Key & Related Concepts, and IB Global Context.*

IB Course	EPISD Course
Language Acquisition	Discovering Languages & Cultures, Spanish 1, or Spanish 2
Language and Literature	English Language Arts Reading
Individuals and Societies	Social Studies
Science	Science
Mathematics	Mathematics
Arts	Art, Band, Orchestra, or Choir
Physical and Health Education	Physical Education
Design	<p style="text-align: center;">6th Grade focus on Social Studies and other Humanities content areas</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7th Grade focus on Science and other STEM content areas</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8th Grade focus on Career and College Readiness</p>