

CITY HIGH MIDDLE SCHOOL

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This website serves as a resource and information platform for school events and IB components. As a public site, it is accessible to all students, parents, community members, and prospective families. This document serves as a descriptive guide to understand, navigate, and utilize this valuable online resource.

The homepage of the website is pictured in the image to the right. Different tabs are located along the top of the website, which will lead you to focused content. The available tabs and the content they contain are described below.



TABS

Information

In addition to links for the Grand Rapids Public School handbook, this page provides general information on the IB Middle Years Programme and the Diploma Programme. There are a few documents that are featured on this page to support families in better understanding the programming offered at City High Middle.

- IB MYP & DP Overviews
 - These informative presentations describe the IB programs as offered at City High Middle.
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Middle Years Programme (MYP) Document
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Diploma Programme (DP) Document
- MYP Unit Components
 - This is a document that demonstrates the essential components of the MYP unit planning process. Parents and students can gain a better understanding of how the key planning pieces keep subject areas in the MYP interconnected and within the IB framework.

It is important to note that within the Middle Years Programme portion of the page, all eight of the subject area titles are active links to the subject area assessment criterion.

Resources

The page, mainly for student use, provides quick access to both general and specific information for DP regarding protocols, assessment calendars, class selections, and scheduling. Many of the links will direct the viewer to specific web pages within IB's greater website. The following items are featured on this page:

- Online research databases for students and staff.
- DP Student Handbook:
 - This is a document that is specific to the way that the Diploma Programme is offered at City. Not all DP schools run their programs in the same manner, or have the same course offerings

and processes. This handbook allows for parents to take a look at how City offers their Diploma Programme.

- DP Exam schedule (current seniors only)
 - The exam schedule is rigidly determined by IB, and we are required to adhere to its design.
- DP Assessment Calendar (may change slightly year to year)
- DP Exam results
 - This link will bring DP seniors to a login page where they can attain their diploma results in the month of July.
- HL/SL selection forms (current seniors only)
- Theory of Knowledge (TOK) anticipation video
 - This video is for students entering the DP (11th grade). It is a preview of the TOK class components, curriculum, and major assignments.
- IB Transcripts: link if students need to request additional IB transcripts after graduation
- Recognition of IB programmes (linked to IB website and provides information on colleges and universities recognition of IB)
- DP Assessment Cover Sheets (current DP students)
- DP Testimonials (link to IB website with testimonials from real IB students/alumni)
- Overview of DP Science and Group 6 classes available at City (important for 10th grade families as they choose their courses prior to entering the Diploma Programme)

The Resources page also contains information on the Personal Project (PP), the culminating assignment for 10th grade MYP students.

- MYP Personal Project Handbook (may change slightly year to year)
- PP anticipation video
 - This video is for students entering their final year of MYP (10th grade). It provides a comprehensive overview of the PP lead by our 10th grade Core Advisory teachers.

IB Aspects

This page provides a series of PowerPoint presentations that have been created for the City High Middle community. They explain various parts of the program in presentation form and allow you to click through at your own pace.

- Diploma Programme HL/SL Differences
 - This presentation breaks down the differences between Higher Level and Standard Level courses in each subject area. It helps students and families better understand what makes something Higher Level vs. Standard Level.
- How to Attain the IB Diploma
 - This specifically lays out how a student can earn the IB Diploma here at City. It gives general information on the Diploma Programme, insight into its unique structure here at City, some examples of scores students have earned here, some data regarding our growth and ways to support students in the DP to help make them successful.
- IB Culminating Experiences
 - This is a brief overview of the Personal Project (MYP) and an abridged version of the Extended Essay (DP) presentation.

DP Course Selections

This page provides descriptions for all courses offered in the Diploma Programme here at City. This information is useful when 10th grade students in their final year of the MYP to make course selections for the DP.

EE (Extended Essay)

This page provides resources for City students who will be writing the Extended Essay. Resources include the EE handbook, overview/introduction, subject-area exemplars, and an anticipation video to support students entering the DP.

DP CAS

This page is specific for 11th and 12th grade City students. It has links to the google form that is used to submit their hours, their CAS profile, their CAS project, and the DP CAS handbook. It also provides information on their expectations as a Full Diploma Candidate in regards to CAS and provides them additional information to support their CAS experiences. The DP CAS anticipation video will support students entering the DP in understanding this IB Core component.

MYP CAS

This page is specific for City students' 6th-10th grade. This page has links for each of the grades google forms to submit hours and additional information that is specific to the CAS requirements for City MYP students.

CAS Opportunities

City students can find opportunities to engage with and fulfill their Creativity, Activity, and Service hour requirements. CAS is a self-directed program, so the City staff does not usually seek out volunteers for local programs, however, we are happy to share when there are potential connections for our students. Similar to an informational bulletin board, this page is continuously being updated with new opportunities within the school building and the local community.

City Voice

This page contains links to our school newspaper which is managed by students and a teacher sponsor.

Calendar

This page features the following schedule and calendars :

- School assessment calendar.
 - The goal of this calendar is to help students and teachers create an assessment schedule that is manageable for all. Teachers are asked to post major assessments and projects on the calendar to ensure that students do not have more than two assessments/projects in any given day. The calendar is color coded by grade level to denote who is responsible for completing the assessments. It is encouraged that if there are more than two assessments/projects in any given day that students are to seek out their teachers and advocate for themselves. If they are not able to reach a solution, students are encouraged to reach out to the City administration team for further guidance and support.
- Events Calendar

Staff Only

This password-protected page is for school staff only, not students. It serves as a resource page to support administrative work, communication, school initiatives, teacher efficiencies, collaboration, and resource sharing.

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