



CARROLLWOOD DAY SCHOOL

RECEIVES IB MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME AUTHORIZATION!

On April 28, 2008, Carrollwood Day School received word from IB Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, that its application to become an authorized IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) school had been approved. With this news Carrollwood Day School becomes the first school in Florida fully authorized to offer all three IB programmes and the sixth school in the U.S. to achieve this distinction. Carrollwood Day School is the only school in Hillsborough County and the west coast of Florida to offer the full 5-year MYP program and the only authorized IB program for grades 9 and 10 throughout the Tampa Bay area.

The Middle Years Programme at CDS addresses the unique needs of students in grades 6 - 10. This period, encompassing early and mid-adolescence, is a significant phase of personal and intellectual development. Learning how to learn and how to evaluate information critically is as important as learning facts. The MYP helps students develop learning attitudes and skills that will enable them to participate actively and responsibly in a changing and increasingly interrelated world. The students' experience with the MYP culminates in their sophomore year with a yearlong Personal Project. This project provides students with a wonderful opportunity to shine: to choose and explore a topic that showcases their unique interests and talents.

For the past two years CDS administrators and faculty worked closely with IB consultants to put in place all the necessary processes and resources to deliver the MYP. This included teacher training, curriculum development and horizontal and vertical curriculum planning. The MYP authorization process involved a two-day visit from an expert team that scrutinized classroom instruction and curriculum planning documents, and met with members of all constituents of the CDS community.

Carrollwood Day School is now part of an elite group of IB World Schools authorized to offer the complete IB educational programme. The three IB programmes are the Primary Years Programme (PYP) for students through grade 5; the Middle Years Programme (MYP) that is implemented in grades 6 – 10 and the Diploma Programme (DP) for students in grades 11 and 12. Becoming only the 6th school in the U.S. to have all three IB programmes authorized puts CDS in pretty amazing company. The other five schools are:

- Washington International School, Washington, DC: 98 nations represented by faculty, students and parents; fully authorized since January 2000.
- Christ Church Episcopal School, Greenville, SC: 50 year old school; fully authorized since January 2001.
- The Dwight School, New York, NY: founded in 1872 by Dr Julius Sachs, also founder of Goldman, Sachs and the College Board; fully authorized since March 2001.
- Louisiana State University Laboratory School, Baton Rouge, LA: founded in 1915 as a division of the LSU College of Education; fully authorized since August 2007.
- Westlake Academy, Westlake, TX: an internationally focused charter school founded in 2003; fully authorized since February 2008.

Carrollwood Day School is accepting applications from students who want to participate in all levels of the IB program. The application can be downloaded from the school's website (<http://www.carrollwooddayschool.org/content/admissions/index.htm>). Parents are also encouraged to contact Dawn Schweitzer at dschweitzer@carrollwooddayschool.org or 813.920.2288 to learn more about all Carrollwood Day School has to offer.

To learn more about IBO programs, visit the IBO website at www.ibo.org.

Carrollwood Day School serves students from 2-years-old through high school from Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas counties. Carrollwood Day School stands out as a leader in its mission to educate the whole child and is recognized nationally for its academic excellence and its innovative school-wide emphasis on character development. CDS is the only school in Florida and the sixth in the U.S. authorized by the prestigious International Baccalaureate Organization to offer all three programmes: Primary Years Programme for students through grade 5; IB Middle Years Programme that is implemented in grades 6 – 10 and the Diploma Programme for students in grades 11 and 12.

Carrollwood Day School is a non-sectarian, co-educational, independent day school accredited by the Florida Council of Independent Schools (FCIS), Florida Kindergarten Council (FKC), International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) and National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). CDS admits qualified students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin and is non-discriminatory in all policies and school administered programs.

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