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Dear Parents/Guardians of James Madison Middle School Students (who are out of boundary for FDHS):

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) supports the IB Middle Years and Diploma Programmes at Frederick Douglass High School (FDHS) by ensuring that continuity is provided to eligible students who begin the MYP experience at James Madison Middle School (JMMS). Fifty eligible rising 9th grade students (current 8th grade students), **who reside in the James Madison boundary, but not in the Frederick Douglass High School boundary**, will be given special permission to attend FDHS as an *out-of-boundary* transfer student. In order to be eligible, rising 9th graders should have a minimum 2.5 GPA and currently enrolled at JMMS.

If you would like for your child to continue in the MYP at FDHS, please complete the attached application and return it to Dr. Letty Maxwell, IB MYP Coordinator at FDHS, by **April 12, 2019**. Student applications will be evaluated based upon completed information provided and a reference check by teachers.

Applications will be considered complete, if the following are included:

- the submission of two core teacher references;
- a copy of 8th grade 2nd quarter report card (minimum 2.5 GPA); and
- a completed personal statement.

Through an internal lottery process, 50 applicants will be accepted. Those students who have completed applications but are not selected will be placed on a waitlist. All students will be notified no later than May 3, 2019, regarding their application status. Students on the waitlist could be offered admission into the program if, and/or when seats become available. **Please note:** there is no guarantee that students on the waitlist will be offered admission into the MYP Continuation Program at Frederick Douglass High School.

Transportation has been provided for out-of-boundary students in the past, and we anticipate that service will continue; however, this service is evaluated annually due to budgetary constraints. This is an outstanding opportunity for students to experience an international education as an IB Scholar at Frederick Douglass High School. If you have any questions regarding this program or the application process, please contact the IB Coordinators:

- **Dr. Letty Maxwell**, IB MYP Coordinator-FDHS at letty.maxwell@pgcps.org or 301-952-2400
- **Dana Blair**, IB Coordinator- JMMS at dana.blair@pgcps.org or 301-599-2422

To access the electronic application, [click here](#). The application can also be accessed via the school websites of Frederick Douglass <http://www1.pgcps.org/douglass/> and James Madison <http://www1.pgcps.org/jamesmadison/>.

In addition, a list of frequently asked questions regarding the program and access has been included for your reference.

Sincerely,

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Attachments

**International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme (MYP)
at James Madison Middle School and Frederick Douglass High School
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

FAQs	ANSWERS
What is the <i>International Baccalaureate</i> © (IB) Middle Years Programme (MYP) Program?	<i>The International Baccalaureate</i> © (IB) Middle Years Programme (MYP) at James Madison Middle School (JMMS) and Frederick Douglass High School (FDHS) is a schoolwide program and partnership (for Grades 6-10) that promotes scholars to embrace an intellectual challenge, which encourages students to make connections between their studies in traditional subjects and the real world.
What is the goal of the MYP Program?	<i>“The MYP aims to develop active learners and internationally minded young people who inquire into a wide range of issues and ideas of significance locally, nationally and globally. The result is young people who are creative, critical and reflective thinkers.”</i> (www.ibo.org)
My 8 th grade student is currently zoned to attend Frederick Douglass High School, what do we need to do?	Your student will complete the registration process and will be scheduled for MYP classes at Frederick Douglass, so no further action is required at this time.
My 8 th grade student is currently zoned to attend another Prince George’s County Public High School and I would like to continue their IB Middle Years Programme experience at Frederick Douglass High School, what do we need to do?	Prince George’s Public Schools has allocated 50 slots for current James Madison boundary students who are not zoned for Frederick Douglass to apply for continuation of the MYP. To be considered, please do the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete and submit the enclosed application to Dr. Letty Maxwell, IB MYP Coordinator at FDHS, no later than April 12, 2019, at letty.maxwell@pgcps.org; • Submit a copy of the 2nd quarter report card (minimum 2.5 GPA) along with the application. Should your child not have a 2.5 GPA, you may request an interview to discuss eligibility; and • Submit the names of two Madison staff members who can verify that your student is an IB Learner.
My 8 th grade student is currently at James Madison Middle School (JMMS) on a special transfer and would like to continue the MYP at Frederick Douglass High School, what do we need to do?	You need to complete the same application process as above, check the appropriate box, and submit to Dr. Letty Maxwell, IB MYP Coordinator by April 12, 2019. <u>A special transfer request form will also need to be completed and submitted through the Special Transfer Office by the deadline.</u> The expectations indicated above apply. In addition, parents are required to provide transportation that will ensure students are promptly delivered to and picked up from school.
My 8 th grade student is interested in continuing an IB education with the IB Diploma Programme, after completion of the MYP. What do we need to do?	Frederick Douglass is an authorized school for the IB Diploma Programme (DP). The DP is a rigorous college-preparatory program designed for those who are high academic achievers and who are committed to making the world a better place. Read more about the DP at www.ibo.org . Students who are interested in being considered for the Diploma Programme should submit the IB MYP Continuation Application and indicate the intention on the application in the appropriate box.
Will transportation be provided for my 8 th grade student?	As of this writing, transportation is scheduled to be provided for those students who are in the James Madison boundary.

2019-2020
Prince George's County Public Schools
Application to Request Continuation of IB MYP
at Frederick Douglass High School

Application Deadline: April 12, 2019

Please clearly provide the information below. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

► Candidate Information:

Student Name: Last _____ First _____ MI _____

Student Date of Birth: (Month, Date, Year)

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Student Identification Number (from PGCPSS) Required

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Address:

House Number and Street Name _____

City _____ State MD Zip Code _____

Current School:

🍏 James Madison Middle School (zoned)

🍏 at JMMS on *special transfer*

Use the School Finder to verify your zoned boundary high school, and then indicate the school.

<http://gis.pgcpss.org/schoolfinder/findschool2.asp>

🍏 Dr. Henry H. Wise, Jr. High School

🍏 Largo High School

🍏 Other _____

Parent(s) or Legal Guardian Information:

Mother's Name: First _____ Last _____

Telephone: Home _____ Work _____

Cell _____ **E-mail:** _____

Father's Name: First _____ Last _____

Telephone: Home _____ Work _____

Cell _____ **E-mail:** _____

► Academics: Include a copy of 2nd Quarter Report Card. *A minimum of a 2.5 GPA (during the 8th grade year) is the expectation for this opportunity. For students who are interested but do not have the minimum GPA, an interview may be requested to explore expectations and strategies for academic success.*

🍏 We request an interview.

