



NORTH DADE MIDDLE SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME

ASSESSMENT POLICY

North Dade Middle School recognizes that teaching, learning, and assessment are tightly connected. Accomplished teachers ground their instructional decisions in their knowledge of students as people and as learners as well as in their knowledge of the subject they teach. They recognize that students have different learning styles and diverse cultural backgrounds.

In implementing a 3-year Middle Years Programme, North Dade Middle School will not request external moderation of internal assessments. Student participating in the MYP will be assessed within their subject areas. Each subject area teacher will assess each student using the MYP subject area criteria and rubrics provided in the subject area guides. Teachers will assess each criterion for their subject area a minimum of two times per school year. The average of the scores for each criterion at the end of the school year will be the student's performance score as an MYP student. Students in the MYP will receive an IB Record of Achievement (MYP report card) in addition to, and separate from, the Miami-Dade County Public Schools report card. MYP report cards will be given once a year, at the end of the school year for all eight subject groups. To address this variety of needs, assessment at North Dade Middle School is reflective of a variation of forms to include:

- Self-reflection
- Peer evaluation
- Portfolios
- Development Workbooks and Process Journals
- Projects
- Presentations (oral and written)
- Performances
- Competitions: spelling and geography bees, science fairs, SECME competition, Invention Convention, oratorical contest, Cervantes essay competition in Spanish, visual arts submissions
- Standardized tests: Florida Standards Assessment test annually and District topic, and quarterly assessments, End of Course exam in the areas of Language and Literature, Mathematics, Science, and Individuals and Society Homework
- Quizzes and tests
- Quarterly

Other Assessment Considerations

- Late work is graded at the teacher's discretion
- Accommodations are made during testing for students with special requirements