

*Applying to Become*  
International Baccalaureate  
At  
Ygnacio Valley High School

# *Philosophy of IB*

Through its programs, IB hopes to:

**Create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.**

**Provide challenging programs of international education and rigorous assessment.**

**Create compassionate, lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.**

# *Academics:*

## **Diploma Programme**

- Two year program during 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- DP students take 6 courses over the 2 years in 6 areas of study
- In addition:
  - Theory of Knowledge (1 year course)
  - Research and an Extended Essay
  - Community Service & Action project



# IB Programs serve ALL students!

IB program **aims to develop** internationally minded people who are striving to become:

- Inquirers
- Knowledgeable
- Thinkers
- Communicators
- Principled
- Open-minded
- Caring
- Risk-takers
- Balanced
- Reflective

## *Why IB is good for YV*

- Increase rigor of academics school-wide
- More cohesive than AP and Honors (due to whole program rather than individual classes)
- Increase enrollment—draw academically focused/higher achieving families
- Improve image of YV in the community

# *Why IB is good for MDUSD*

- Educates students for the future—whether that future is in our community, in a different state, or different country
- Very prestigious and IB is not yet established in surrounding districts
- Draw students to this district and keep families from leaving
- Celebrates and incorporates the socio-economic and cultural diversity in the MDUSD

# *Timeline for implementation*

- Teacher professional development (ongoing)
- Application for Candidacy due April 1, 2015
- International Scholars classes in Fall of 2015 (for 9<sup>th</sup> graders)
- Application for Authorization due April 1, 2016
- IB school visit during Fall/Spring 2016-2017
- IB Courses begin Fall of 2017
- First graduating class of IB students in June, 2019



*Thank you*

Questions