International Baccalaureate Opportunities

Aurora Public Schools offers International Baccalaureate Programmes for students from kindergarten through high school. These internationally recognized programs prepare students for competitive college environments and careers while developing a genuine love of learning and international understanding.

IB Programmes engage students by showing how learning is relevant to the real world. The Primary Years and Middle Years Programmes integrate the IB method of learning into every class. The IB Diploma Programme for 11th and 12th graders is more selective and provides students with a rigorous curriculum that challenges them to become global-minded. The Diploma Programme leads to a qualification that is recognized by leading universities around the world.

APS expects the IB candidate schools, which already utilize the IB framework, to become fully authorized IB schools by the fall of 2012. The expansion of the IB Programme is funded through the $14.7 million mill levy approved by Aurora voters in 2008.

For more information about the International Baccalaureate Programme, visit aurorak12.org/alternative-schools/ib.

**APS IB Schools:**
- Wheeling Elementary
- Aurora Hills Middle
- Hinkley High

**APS IB Candidate Schools:**
- Elkhart Elementary
- East Middle
- Gateway High

Winter Break, No School

Aurora Public Schools students will be on winter break from Dec. 21 to Jan. 4. Except for Aurora Hills Middle School, all students will return to classes on Thursday, Jan. 5. Aurora Hills, which is on a modified calendar to allow time for staff to move into a new school building, will resume classes on Monday, Jan. 9. Have a safe and wonderful holiday season!