Watkins Mill IB MYP Partnership

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Assessment POLICY

The Watkins Mill Middle Years Programme Partnership community recognizes the importance of assessment in the learning process of our students. Homework is important and necessary for mastering concepts. As such, homework assignments must provide meaningful, relevant reinforcement and enrichment opportunities or extensions of classroom learning. Homework allows students to take ownership of their own learning and needs to be submitted on its given due date.

Formative assessments provide ongoing information on both teaching and learning while summative assessments provide useful unit mastery data. The school is committed to providing students with multiple opportunities to exhibit their understanding and mastery of the content. At the beginning of the unit, teachers communicate the different assessment tasks to the students and parents.

Watkins Mill Middle Years Programme Partnership teachers use published MYP interim assessment criteria in alignment with MCPS course standards to assess students' work. Teachers in course-alike teams engage in standardization of assessments to determine the appropriate achievement level of the student. Teachers provide students and parents with the IB MYP criteria used. Each teacher records students' scores based on the IB MYP criteria and makes the data available to parents during the parent conferences and meetings.

To meet the Montgomery County Public School requirements, teachers also use MCPS rubrics to assess student work. These grades are communicated to all stakeholders through the official report card.

Sources

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