



## **What is the MYP Community Project?**

As part of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program (MYP), Spring Valley Academy will be engaging in a new program to involve our students in the communities surrounding their daily lives. This project will be introduced during 7th grade, and completed during the 8th grade year. All 8th grade students are required to complete a Community Project.

### **Goal of the Community Project:**

The community project focuses on community and service, encouraging students to explore opportunities to identify and address problems within different communities.

MYP projects help students to develop important skills, provide students with an essential opportunity to demonstrate their abilities to problem solve, research, collaborate, and communicate, and promote a vision of themselves as independent, lifelong learners.

The aims of the MYP projects are to encourage and enable students to:

- participate in a sustained, self-directed inquiry within a global context
- create new insights and develop deeper understandings through in-depth investigation
- encourage the persistence and follow-through needed to complete a long-term project
- communicate effectively in a variety of situations
- demonstrate responsible action through, or as a result of, learning
- appreciate the process of learning and take pride in their accomplishments

Students will record their activities throughout the project in a Process Journal, and will culminate with an oral presentation.



## **MYP Community Project FAQ**

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The MYP Community Project is a required part of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program. MYP projects are student-centered and age-appropriate, and they allow students to engage in practical explorations through inquiry, action and reflection.

### **When will my student be participating in the MYP Community Project?**

Students will be introduced to the MYP Community Project during the Winter/Spring of their 7th grade year (MYP Year 2), and will complete the project during their 8th grade year (MYP Year 3).

### **Why is SVA requiring students to complete an MYP Community Project?**

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### **What will my student have to do for the MYP Community Project?**

With the support of a faculty advisor, students will be completing an MYP Community Project of their choice. Projects may include research into an issue in the community, efforts to raise awareness (public service announcements, letters to the editor), or calls to action (advertising/social media campaigns), to name a few. Students will record their steps towards completing their projects in a Process Journal, and will make an oral presentation when they are finished.

### **How long will the MYP Community Project take to complete?**

Students will begin the planning of the MYP Community Project in 7th grade, and will present their final project during their 8th grade year. Planning, periodic progress checks, and other work on the project will be completed during Advisory classes, although students will also need to spend some time outside of class working on their projects.

### **Will there be any costs for participating in the MYP Community Project?**

Depending on the type of MYP Community Project students choose, there may be some small costs involved. Costs will be part of the discussion that students have with their faculty advisors during the planning phase of their MYP Community Project.

### **Who can I contact if I have questions about the MYP Community Project?**

Your student's 8th grade Advisory teacher will be your main contact regarding the MYP Community Project.