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ALAMEDA HIGH GOES INTERNATIONAL

Alameda High School, along with the elementary and middle school feeding into it, has gone international.

The school is now authorized by the International Baccalaureate non-profit educational foundation to offer the *Diploma Program* and the *Middle Years Program (MYP)*. Alameda's program is unusual because five elementary schools involve sixth-graders with MYP. Offering MYP in the sixth grade helps with the transition in those critical years of sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and **tenth grade**; teachers work together to establish the curriculum, assessments and expectations.

The elementary schools involved in the program that feed in to O'Connell Middle School are Deane, Patterson International, Stein, Kendrick Lakes and Lasley.

"We are proud of the fact that we provide IB program access to *all* Alameda students," said Alameda High principal Susie Van Scoyk. "The fact that we are a public high school offering IB is exciting for our staff and our students."

The *Diploma Program* is an optional program for Alameda's juniors and seniors. Students have opportunities to extend and display their learning through community service and projects.