

The Internationals Network for Public Schools (INPS):

Francis C. Hammond International Academy is partnering with an organization called the International Network for Public schools to incorporate a successful teaching and learning model for English language learners called the "Internationals Approach."

- There are 22 International Network Schools (15 in NY, 2 in California, 2 in Maryland, 2 in Virginia, 1 in DC)
- These schools continue to graduate students at rates more than double the rate for English language learners in the established regional network of NYC schools
- The vision of the Internationals Network is to ensure all recent immigrant students have access to a quality high school education that prepares them for college, career and full participation in democratic society, thereby opening doors to the American Dream.

You can find more information at www.internationalsnps.org

Francis C. Hammond International Academy

Vision

International Academy students gain the knowledge and skills needed to prepare them for a variety of post-secondary and career opportunities.

The International Academy is a nurturing learning environment where students attain rigorous content and language goals through collaboration, inquiry, and exploration.

Francis C. Hammond Middle School is a model for English language learner instruction at the middle school level.

Mission

The mission of the International Academy (IA) at Francis C. Hammond Middle School is to support our students in their academic, social, and emotional transitions to life in the United States. We utilize current research-based practices aligned to the Internationals Approach, which combine language and content instruction for English language learners, in order to prepare our students to become vital members of their communities.

Francis C. Hammond Middle School

International Academy



Community

Collaboration

Commitment

<http://blogs.acpsk12.org/hammondia/>

Quick Facts about the FCH International Academy (IA)

- IA teachers are highly trained to support students' academic language learning while teaching their academic subject at the same time.
- IA students have access to all elective, health, and physical education classes at Francis C. Hammond Middle School.
- IA students learn by engaging in projects with a mixed group of students with different language levels and native languages.
- IA classes combine students from diverse backgrounds with various levels of English proficiency to accelerate their growth in language and content. Students are not placed in classes based solely on their current level of English proficiency.
- IA students have a dedicated counselor and administrator who focus on the specific needs of students and families who are new to the country.
- IA students are assigned an Advisor to guide and advocate for the students.
- At the end of each school year, the FCH-IA team reviews each student's placement and collaborates with parents to determine the best academic setting for their child.

What is special about the International Academy?



The words of our students.....

According to a student survey administered in 2016, when asked what has helped them this year, our International Academy students say

- "I think everything is amazing in the International Academy"
- "My friends and teachers are helping us all the time, and I'm learning English with my friends."
- "That all of my teachers care about me. And they listen to me."
- "I think that what most help me was all the projects that I did during the school year"

Contact the FCH International Academy Team

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Contact Ms. Migliorini if you have questions about your student's class schedule, your student's grades, your student's emotional health and well-being, or any family needs, questions, or concerns.

Additional Resources for Students and Families

We are aware of the unique challenges your family might be facing as you try to navigate a new system. There are many resources available in our school and in the Alexandria City Public Schools district that can assist students and their families with a variety of needs. Please contact us if you are in need of help or specific resources, and we are happy to help you find what you need. Some of our partnerships include:

- **Communities In Schools (CIS) of NOVA**
- **Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Center**
www.acps.k12.va.us/face-centers
- **Northern Virginia Family Services**