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Welcome!

Poolesville High School Independent Studies Program House Informational Meeting February 10, 2021

Principal: Mr. Mark Carothers

Magnet Coordinator: Ms. Allison Wilder

ISP Head of House: Mr. Terry Young

Librarian-Media Specialist/Project Coordinator: Ms. Michelle Hunsicker-Blair

Resource Counselor: Mrs. Barb Martin

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AGENDA

- Welcome/Introductions
- ISP Overview
- Counselor Support/Graduation Requirements
- ISP Certificate Requirements and Areas of Focus
- Student Experiences & Senior Projects
- Falcon Ambassadors
- Questions

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What is the Independent Studies Program?

- Students from JPMS are automatically in the ISP House
 - There is no test or application!
- YOU choose your level of challenge/rigor
 - All ISP students are encouraged to enroll in rigorous coursework, including honors and AP classes.
- All ISP students have the **OPTION** to pursue the **ISP Certificate of Achievement**
 - Create a focused plan of study and fulfill the requirements.
 - Opportunity to earn an ISP certificate and tassel for graduation.

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Administration and Counseling Staff

Administration

- Mr. Mark Carothers; Principal
- Mrs. Jennifer Herman;
Administrator
- Mr. John Butler;
Administrator
- Ms. Allison Wilder;
Administrator, Magnet
Coordinator

School Counselors

- Mr. Greg Hand
 - (A-Diz)
- Mrs. Melissa Nagy
 - (Dj-Kil)
- Mrs. Barbara Martin
 - (Kim-Md)
- Mr. Ramon Snow
 - (Me-Shez)
- Ms. Nelly Boishin
 - (Shi-Z)

Planning with your Counselor

- Make your counselor aware that you want to pursue a certificate
- Take prerequisite courses
- Challenge yourself
- Scheduling meetings
- Develop a plan
- Meet with the Head of House

Questions?

- **Counseling Office:**
240-740-2420
- **Magnet Office:**
240-740-2419

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Maryland State Requirements for Graduation

Course/Program	Number of Credits
English	4
Science (1 physical sci. and 1 biology)	3
Math (1 algebra and 1 geometry) <i>mandatory each year of high school</i>	4
Social Studies (USH, NSL, MWH)	3
Fine Art	1
Physical Education	1
Technology	1
Health	0.5
Program Completion Requirement:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Foreign Language or</i> • <i>Advanced Technology or</i> • <i>Career Development</i> 	<p>2</p> <p>2</p> <p>4</p>
Student Service Learning Hours	75 Hours

Maryland High School Assessments

Choose 7 courses each semester - list alternative courses in the elective areas in the event of a master schedule conflict

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Current Areas of Focus:

- Field Study
- Career Exploration
- Internship
- Project Lead the Way (PLTW)

Follow your path of interest! Begin taking prerequisites now!

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What is The ISP Certificate?

- A self-directed rigorous course of study in a specific pathway
- Additional endorsement on diploma symbolized by the extra tassel at graduation
- Concentration in an area of your greatest interest
- Builds a connection that prepares you for success at the next level (college or career)
- Planning for junior/senior year classes begins in your course selection now!

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ISP Certificate Requirements

- 4 credits completed in the junior and senior years in a concentrated area
- Written Portfolio
- 15 hour- Internship, Field Experience, Work Experience (volunteer or paid)
- Senior Portfolio Presentation before a review committee

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FALCON AMBASSADORS

- Leadership and service opportunities for ISP juniors and seniors only
- Assist with whole school events
- Annual activities based on student interest

**teacher recommendations*

**must be academically eligible*

