Morris Hills Regional District
Instructions for Students Applying to the Magnet or IB Program

Thank you for your interest in the Magnet Program or International Baccalaureate (IB) Program. Incomplete applications will not be considered. The application deadline is December 1, 2021.

Ensure that each item in the checklist below is complete:

- If you do **not** live in Denville, Rockaway Borough, Rockaway Township, or Wharton, complete the Intent to Participate Form and submit it to your resident district **no later than December 1st.** (In-district residents, current Choice students, and Tier 2 Choice students can skip this step).

- All applicants should complete the online application **no later than December 1st**. Your parent/guardian will need to create an account in order to apply. Indicate which program you are applying for. **You can apply for *either* the Magnet or the IB Program; you cannot apply for both.**

- The online application includes a section for you to electronically request recommendations from your teachers (more info below) and to electronically request your school records from your counselor or other school official. You will need their email addresses to complete this step. Your teachers and counselor will receive a link via email to complete their portion of the application.

- The following recommendations will be needed for either the Magnet or IB Program:
  - **1 recommendation from a Math OR Science Teacher**
  - **1 recommendation from an English OR Social Studies Teacher**

- Magnet candidates will be required to take the Accuplacer math exam in Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics (QAS). IB candidates will be required to take the Accuplacer WritePlacer. You will have the opportunity to choose a test date (November 20th or December 4th) at the time when you apply. Admissions test dates and times will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

- If you need accommodations for the exams as per an IEP/ISP or 504 Plan, please contact Dr. Zoeller at nzoeller@mhrd.org prior to your test date. Students with extended time accommodations should select a 9 AM testing session.

- Applicants may check online whether recommendations and school information have been received by logging in to their account and clicking on the "Form Name." Click on the Recommendations tab, where you will see one of the following statements at the bottom of each recommendation section:

  "The recommendation form has been received by the school." OR
  "The recommendation form has not been submitted by the recommender."

Decisions will be sent via email on or about December 22, 2021.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Admission to the Magnet and IB Programs is competitive. In-district students are given priority in the admissions process. After qualified in-district students have been admitted, remaining seats will be offered to qualified choice candidates. The admissions criteria for in-district and choice candidates are identical. All applications are reviewed by an Admissions Committee consisting of district administrators and teachers.

Admissions decisions are based on:

- Review of student's academic record
- Review of other school documentation (attendance record and discipline record)
- Successful completion of any prerequisites
- Teacher recommendations (7^{th} or 8^{th} grade teachers preferred)
- Admissions test score (QAS Score for Magnet; WritePlacer Score for IB)

Where can I find more information about the Magnet and/or IB Programs?

There is a substantial amount of information available about all district programs on the district website:
www.mhrd.org

Click on the "Curriculum" tab and then "Innovative Programs" for Magnet and IB information. Click on the "Curriculum" tab and then "Program of Studies" for the General High School Program as well as course descriptions on all district courses, including Magnet and IB.

For more information on the IB Program around the world, go to www.ibo.org

The MHRD Magnet Program belongs to a national consortium of STEM schools. For more information, go to www.ncsss.org

The Magnet Program now runs at both Morris Hills and Morris Knolls High School. In-district residents will attend the Magnet Program at the school designated by their residence. Out-of- district residents will be assigned to available seats in the Magnet Program by the district in either school. Any student with a sibling currently enrolled at Morris Hills or Morris Knolls will have the option to attend the same school as his or her sibling, pending space availability.

(see next page for details on testing)

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Testing Information

All candidates will take admissions tests on their scheduled date and time at Morris Hills High School, 520 West Main St. in Rockaway. The test date will be selected during the application submission. Test dates and times are available on a first come, first serve basis. Students must wear a mask and will be socially distanced throughout the exam.

Magnet Students:
Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, & Statistics: 75 minutes (timed test)
-computer-based test
-scrap paper allowed (will be provided on site)
-calculators are **not** permitted
-Practice questions and additional information can be found at
https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students/prepare-for-accuplacer/practice

IB Students:
WritePlacer: 45 minutes (timed writing)

- computer-based test
- Practice questions and additional information can be found here:
  WritePlacer: https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students/prepare-for-accuplacer/practice

Parents/guardians must drop their students off at the front of the building (use the circle), wait until their students are cleared to enter the building (temperatures will be taken), and return for pickup. Parents/guardians will not be permitted in the building.

What to Bring:

- Pencils
- An Eraser
- Water
- Mask
- Completed COVID-19 Screening Form (please complete electronically **on the day of testing**). If a student has checked off yes to any of the screening questions, he or she should stay home, and we will reschedule the exam.

Students who have any type of electronic device on their person (turned on or off) during testing will have their test voided and will not be permitted to retest. Cell phones must be kept turned off and in a closed bag or backpack during the entire testing period, including the break.

Students who have an IEP/ISP or 504 Plan and need accommodations for testing should contact Dr. Zoeller immediately. In case of inclement weather, we will notify you of cancellation via phone using the number you provided on the application and via the district website, www.mhrd.org.