



Mountainside Middle School IB MYP Admissions Policy



Rationale

Culture 1: The school secures access to an IB education for the broadest possible range of students. (0301-01)

MMS Mission Statement

Mountainside Middle School strives to develop principled, caring, and inquisitive learners in order to prepare them to be knowledgeable and respectful global citizens.

Mountainside Middle School, an authorized IB World school, welcomes hardworking, internationally minded, life-long learners. Mountainside offers the Middle Years Programme in the Scottsdale community to students in grades 6-8. Students at Mountainside are automatically enrolled in the programme. By having all students participating in the same programme, regardless of academic background, they are more likely to feel a sense of belonging and shared purpose.

Students who are not academically prepared for the rigors of the programme have supports in place, using the Mountainside inclusion policy as a guide, to ensure equal access to the MYP. Supports include Special Education, 504, Gifted and Talented, as well as English as a Second Language. For students needing special academic support and accommodations, intervention courses will be provided. Mountainside's goal is to provide a high quality IB education to as many students as possible.

Campus Responsibilities

Culture 1:2: The school provides relevant support materials, resources and structures to promote access to the school's programme(s) for as many students as reasonable.

Culture 1:3 The school provides opportunities to access the programme(s) for the broadest possible range of students.

In-Boundary Students

Mountainside Middle School aims to provide a quality education by way of the IB's MYP programme to as many students as possible. Based on the zoning boundaries established by the Scottsdale Unified School District, we welcome every student zoned for our school into the MYP. This number will fluctuate often and will have a direct effect on the number of available spaces for any out-of-boundary students interested in Mountainside Middle School.

Out-of-Boundary (Open Enrollment) Students

The number of in-boundary students will determine whether an out-of-boundary student will be accepted into Mountainside Middle School's MYP Programme. Even though Mountainside's IB programme has no admissions requirements, we believe that all applicants should understand that the faculty and administration at Mountainside Middle School expect students to be eager and motivated learners that will willingly commit to the academic rigors of the MYP curriculum.

As outlined in SUSD Governing Board Open Enrollment Regulation JFB-R, open enrollment status may be reviewed by the Principal for continuation periodically based upon the following areas:

- A. *Academic*: for high school, a student must be on track to graduate with his or her cohort within 4 years; (not applicable for MYP)
- B. *Discipline*: excessive disciplinary/behavioral infractions of student's failure to comply with the Code of Conduct, demonstrating a pattern of behavior that interferes with academic progress;
- C. *Attendance*: excessive absences or tardies that interfere with academic progress.

Recommendations for revocation will be reviewed by the Director of Support Services, and will require documentation of periodic communication with the student/family, including but not limited to, as applicable: attendance contract(s), behavior contract(s), interventions, and meeting and other communications with the student/family.

Student Responsibilities

We seek students who are inquirers, thinkers and risk takers. All applicants should be eager and motivated learners who will commit to the academic rigors of the curriculum and the IB Programme. Students must also maintain good standing in academics, attendance, and conduct.

An IB student is someone who exercises their rights and responsibilities for acts of service by synthesizing content knowledge to address needs within the community. Students in all grade levels will participate in Service as Action activities. MYP Year 3 students must complete a community project as part of the IB Programme expectations.

Parent Responsibilities

- Provide structured time at home to aid in building time management skills
- Support Mountainside Middle School and enforcement of policies
- Ensure students maintain passing grades in all courses
- Keep attendance rate high
- Refrain from tardiness
- Assisting in completion of the IB Community Project in Year 3 of the programme
- Support Mountainside scholars in their growth and development of the IB Learner Profile Attributes

Review Policy

The Mountainside Middle School will have an IB Policies and Procedures Team whose function is:

- Meet yearly to review and update the Admission Policy
- Ensure the policy is in alignment with IB philosophies
- Evaluate implementation of policy expectations

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References

Programme Standards and Practices, 2022

Citation of schools and districts referenced in the writing of this policy:

MYP Admissions Policy for Kyrene Middle School

MYP Admissions Policy for Springwoods Village Middle School