



## What to Expect at Your Admission Interview

### Expectations and Guidelines for Applicant Students and Families

The Admission Interview is an essential part of the admission process at the Morristown Beard School and is weighted in our admission decision. This meeting is the Admission team's opportunity to learn about your student and your family's interest in Morristown Beard. Before the interview, we strongly encourage families to attend a tour, Information Session, or Open House to ensure a productive conversation. During the Admission Interview, we will ask about your student's academic trajectory, interests, and motivation, as well as your family's educational philosophy and goals.

#### For families with multiple applicants:

If a family has two or more students applying for the same academic year, they should only schedule one interview. The entire family will attend the same interview date and time.

Students should be prepared to answer questions or prompts similar, but not limited to, the following:

- Why do you think Morristown Beard School would be the right school for you?
- What do you like most about school right now?
- In what ways would you like to participate in our school community?
- What are some ways that you give back to your current community?
- Share something you're really proud of from last year.
- Share something you think you need to work on next year.

To provide families with more flexibility, we are offering both virtual Zoom interviews and in-person interviews. The structure and content of your interview will be the same regardless of the format, and as such we do not prefer one interview type over the other. Your interview will take one hour: approximately half of the time with your student and half of the time with the parent/guardian who attends the interview. Below we have shared some practices and procedures that we recommend families review before their interview.

#### Zoom Interview Practices and Procedures

- Families should sign into the Zoom meeting room 5 minutes prior to the start of the interview. Once
- the student interview begins, parents/guardians should not be present.
- Students and parents/guardians should be prepared with their own questions to ask their interviewer.

#### In-Person Interview Practices and Procedures

- Families should arrive 10-15 minutes prior to the start of the interview in order to park and check in with campus security. Parking directions will be provided beforehand.
- Parents/guardians will remain in our Welcome Area while the student interview is taking place. Once completed, the student will return to our Welcome Area while the parent/guardian interview is taking place.
- We recommend that students bring a book or activity while they wait for their parents or guardians.
- Students and parents/guardians should be prepared with their own questions to ask their interviewer.

If any sort of conflict arises and families can no longer attend the interview, please contact our office by email, [admissions@mbs.net](mailto:admissions@mbs.net), or by calling 973-532-7516. We look forward to getting to know your family!