



Morris Hills Regional District

Math and Science Magnet Program
International Baccalaureate Program
Inter-District School Choice Program

Morris Hills Regional District



- Regional High School District with two high schools:
 - ◆ Morris Hills High School (1431)
 - ◆ Morris Knolls High School (1506)

- Also on campus:
 - ◆ Evening Adult HS at Morris Knolls
 - ◆ The Academy for Math, Science, and Engineering at Morris Hills*
 - ◆ The Academy for Performing Arts at Morris Knolls*

*in partnership with Morris County School of Technology

Options & Opportunities at MHRD

General Program Highlights


- ❖ Over 200 courses in academic & elective areas
- ❖ 27 honors and 27 AP Courses
- ❖ Gifted and Talented/Independent Study Programs
- ❖ Aviation/Aerospace Program
- ❖ Dual Enrollment with CCM, FDU, and NJIT
- ❖ 27 Varsity Sports & a variety of clubs and activities

Innovative Programs

- ❖ Math and Science Magnet Program at Morris Hills and at Morris Knolls (beginning Fall 2019)
- ❖ International Baccalaureate Program at Morris Knolls

For all programs, students participate in academics/activities/athletics at host school.


Innovative Program Prerequisites

- Innovative Programs have a competitive admissions process.
 - Students apply in the Fall of Grade 8 (can apply to both programs)
 - Magnet students must be enrolled in Algebra I in Grade 8 (or have completed Algebra I in a prior school year)
 - IB students are recommended to be enrolled in Algebra I and a World Language in Grade 8, but it is not required.
 - Both programs require strong student work ethic and motivation!
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Should I Apply to an Innovative Program?

- ★ Interest in the subject matter or approach to learning
- ★ Willingness to work hard and be open to new ideas
- ★ Willingness to accept critique in order to improve
- ★ Willingness to consider ideas from multiple perspectives


There are many routes to a successful high school and college career: although our innovative programs may help you earn college credit and prepare for your future major, you should choose a high school path that works for you.




Which High School Will I Attend?

- All admitted IB Applicants will attend Morris Knolls HS.
- All admitted in-district Magnet candidates will attend the high school designated by their residence.
- Admitted out-of-district Magnet candidates will attend Morris Hills or Morris Knolls depending on space availability.
- All admitted General HS Choice students will attend Morris Knolls.

EXCEPTION: Any admitted students with a sibling currently enrolled in either high school will have the opportunity to attend the same high school as their sibling.



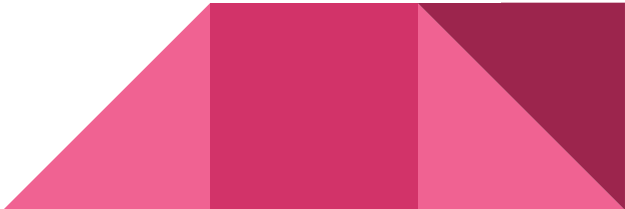
Application Process

- ❖ Intent to Participate (Tier 1 out-of-district only) due 12/3 to resident district
 - ❖ Apply online by December 3rd at www.mhrd.org
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- ❖ Submit all supplemental materials electronically by December 3rd
 - ❖ Admissions Tests in Math and ELA- December 8th at 8 AM, MH
 - ❖ Lottery for General HS: December 19th
 - ❖ Decisions emailed out by December 20th
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Admissions Criteria for Magnet/IB

- ❖ Academic Record (submitted electronically by your school)
 - 7th grade report card and 1st MP of 8th grade
- ❖ Accuplacer Testing
 - Next-Gen Arithmetic & Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, & Stats
 - Next-Gen Reading & WritePlacer
- ❖ Two Letters of Recommendation (7th or 8th grade teachers preferred)
 - Math OR Science Teacher
 - English OR Social Studies Teacher

Admissions Testing for MHRD/MCST Applicants

- Morris Hills Regional and Morris County School of Technology share Accuplacer exam results; students will take each exam once.
 - If you are applying to Magnet/IB AND a program at MCST, you will take most of your admissions exams at MCST.
 - If you are also applying to MSE, Biotech, or CIS, you will take everything at MCST except NextGen Arithmetic (taken at MH)
 - If you are also applying to any other MCST Program, you will take everything at MCST except QAS (taken at MH)
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Breakout Sessions

- All Out of District School Choice Applicants (Magnet, IB, GHS):
Auditorium (1st session only)
 - IB Program: Chorus Room (will be repeated for 2nd & 3rd session)
 - Magnet Program: Cafeteria (will be repeated for 2nd & 3rd session)
 - Tours will be available in the lobby
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Eligibility for Inter-District School Choice

- If you live in NJ but outside of Denville, Rockaway Borough, Rockaway Township, or Wharton, you are eligible to apply for School Choice for grades 9-12 if:
 - currently enrolled in your local public school, a public charter school, or attend MacKinnon MS as a Choice student (Tier 1)
 - currently enrolled in a private/parochial or choice school or homeschooled (Tier 2)
 - all paperwork is filed by December 3rd


All eligible Tier 1 students will be offered seats before eligible Tier 2 students. 31 seats are available.




Out of District Transportation

- For out-of-district students who live within 20 miles of MHRD, resident district must provide either transportation or aid-in-lieu of transportation. It is your resident district that decides what it will offer-- there is no guarantee that transportation will be provided.
 - For out-of-district students who live over 20 miles of MHRD, transportation is solely the responsibility of the parent/guardian.
 - For a fee, MHRD allows choice students to ride existing routes pending space availability. Parents must drop off and pick up at the bus stop.
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Decisions for Magnet and IB Programs

- Qualified school choice candidates for Magnet and/or IB will be considered after all qualified in-district candidates as follows:
 - Preference will be given to qualified siblings of current choice students, MacKinnon choice students, and current students who have moved out of district
 - Qualified Tier 1 students will be considered before qualified Tier 2 students
 - After seats are filled, all other qualified students will be placed on a ranked waitlist.
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School Choice Decisions for General HS

- What happens if more students apply than there are seats available?
 - Preference is given to the following groups:
 - Choice applicants with siblings currently enrolled in district as choice students
 - Choice applicants who are currently MacKinnon MS Choice students
 - Choice applicants who are current MHRD students but have moved out of district
 - All other applicants will be selected through a random lottery process.
 - The district will generate a ranked waitlist based on the lottery
 - General HS seats are only available at Morris Knolls HS
 - We anticipate no more than 5 General HS seats- the rest will be allocated to Magnet/IB.
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