

**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.

**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 3rd**. (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 3rd**. 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/IB candidates will be required to take Accuplacer admissions exams in mathematics and language arts on **Saturday, December 7, 2019 (snow date: Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>)**.
- If you need accommodations for the exams as per an IEP/ISP or 504 Plan, please contact Dr. Zoeller at [nzoeller@mhrd.org](mailto:nzoeller@mhrd.org).
- If you are also applying to the Morris County School of Technology, please be advised that our districts share Accuplacer exam results (Next-Gen Arithmetic, Next-Gen Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, & Statistics (QAS), WritePlacer, and Next-Gen Reading); in order to ensure no student has an unfair advantage in the admissions process, students may only take the Accuplacer exams once. Dual applicants will take all MCST-required exams at MCST on their scheduled date and any additional required exams for Magnet/IB on December 7<sup>th</sup> at Morris Hills High School as indicated below:

<b>MCST Program</b>	<b>Taken at MCST</b>	<b>Taken at MH on 12/7</b>
Math, Science, & Engineering	QAS, WritePlacer, and Next-Gen Reading	Next-Gen Arithmetic
All other MCST Academies	Next-Gen Arithmetic, WritePlacer, Next Gen Reading	QAS

- 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 20, 2019.

## 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 pre-requisites
- Teacher recommendations (current year teachers preferred; prior year teachers allowed)
- Admissions test scores (Mathematics and Language Arts Literacy, exams given on December 7, 2019)

### **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](http://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](http://www.ibo.org)

The MHRD Magnet Program belongs to a national consortium of STEM schools. For more information, go to [www.ncsss.org](http://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.

(see next page for details on testing)

## **Morris Hills Regional District Magnet/IB Admissions Testing Information**

All Magnet and IB candidates will take admissions tests on December 7, 2019, starting promptly at 8:30 AM in the Morris Hills High School Cafeteria, 520 West Main St., Rockaway. Check-In begins at 8 AM.

Mathematics: 1 hour and 45 minutes (approximate)

Language Arts Literacy: 1 hour and 45 minutes (approximate)

Students will be allowed a break between exams. Testing will end at approximately 12:15 PM. A waiting area for parents with Wi-Fi access will be provided.

### **What to Bring:**

- Pencils
- An Eraser
- Water and a Nut-Free Snack for Break (if desired)

Students who have any type of electronic device on their person (turned on or off) during testing or the break 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.

### **Mathematics**

-Next Generation Accuplacer Exams in Arithmetic and Quantitative Reasoning, Statistics, and Algebra (QAS)

-Practice questions and additional information can be found at

<https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/educator/next-generation>

-computer-based test

-scrap paper allowed (will be provided on site)

-calculators are **not** permitted

### **Language Arts Literacy**

- Accuplacer Next-Gen Reading and WritePlacer (both are computer-based tests)
- Practice questions and additional information can be found here:  
Next-Gen Reading: <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/educator/next-generation>  
WritePlacer: <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/student/inside-the-test>

**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](http://www.mhrd.org). The snow date for testing is December 14<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Dual Applicants to Magnet/IB AND an MCST Academy**

Morris Hills Regional District and Morris County School of Technology share testing information for dual applicants. If you are applying to Magnet/IB *and* an Academy at MCST, you will take all MCST-required exams **at MCST** on your chosen test date and any additional required exams for Magnet/IB **at Morris Hills High School** on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Students applying to Magnet/IB **and** MSE will take Accuplacer Reading, WritePlacer, and QAS at MCST and Arithmetic at Morris Hills HS. Students applying to Magnet/IB **and** *any other Academy* will take Accuplacer Reading, WritePlacer, and Arithmetic at MCST and QAS at Morris Hills HS.