

# **International Baccalaureate Programme**

## **Mount Pleasant High School**



### **Application for Admission 2019-2020 School Year**

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**ADMISSION TIMELINE FOR INCLUSION IN THE  
2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR  
INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE  
MIDDLE YEARS/DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES**

**Information meetings**

October 24, 2018	6:30 PM	Mount Pleasant High School Auditorium
November 28, 2018	6:30 PM	Mount Pleasant High School Auditorium

**Timed assessments**

October 30, 2018	6:30 PM	Mount Pleasant High School Library
December 6, 2018	3:30 PM	Mount Pleasant High School Library
December 18, 2018	6:30 PM	Mount Pleasant High School Library

January 7, 2019		Candidate applications due
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December 2018		Interviews to begin*
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February 2019		Candidate notifications begin**
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**\* Upon receipt of application, students will be called to schedule an appointment for an interview. Candidates will not be offered admission until the writing sample and interview are complete.**

**\*\* Notification for accepted candidates who have completed the entire application, writing prompt, and interview will go out at the end of February. Any subsequent applications received after January 7<sup>th</sup>, will be notified on a rolling basis.**

**Shadowing visits to the International Baccalaureate Programme may be scheduled throughout the school year beginning October 15<sup>th</sup>. Please call Ms. Betsy Brown, 762-7054, to arrange for your child to shadow a student for a full school day. Students are to report to the IB office with a parent by 7:20 AM and need to be picked up by the parent in the IB office at 2:18 PM. Two students per day will be permitted. Applicants may request a specific host in the IB-MYP 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Programme or have one assigned to him/her by the coordinator.**

## CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION

**Students seeking admission into the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme Pathway should meet the following criteria:**

- Grades of A/B in Honors classes in grades seven and eight
- Recommendations completed by 5 teachers and one counselor—forms attached
- Successful completion of Algebra I
- Successful completion of Spanish I or French I
- Participation in extra-curricular activities in grades seven and eight
- Completion of an interview with the IB coordinator
- Submission of a writing sample that earns a score of three or higher on a five-point scale
- Strong academic motivation and individual commitment

**If a student does not meet all of the above criteria, an admissions committee member will recommend one of the following actions:**

- The applicant who has not completed Algebra I: At the parent's expense students will need to enroll in Algebra 1 prior to beginning 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Prior approval by the IB coordinator is required.
- The applicant who has not completed one year of foreign language may be tutored for 50 hours in Spanish or French by an approved agency or individual at the parent's expense. Prior approval by the IB coordinator is required.
- The applicant is encouraged to take honors courses their 9<sup>th</sup> grade year and re-apply for 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Students and parents are to return the Student Profile and Academic Standards and Admissions pages directly to Mount Pleasant High School IB Office. Likewise teachers and guidance counselors are to send letters of recommendation directly to the Mt. Pleasant IB Office in stamped and addressed envelopes provided by the applicant.**

**Please Note: Parents must sign line four of the Guidance Counselor Recommendation form to permit release of records.**

**For further Information please contact:**

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## **Admission Interview**

The purpose of the International Baccalaureate interview is to allow the IB Coordinator to help the student understand the academic and service requirements of the curriculum, to inform parents of the family commitment to the Diploma Programme, and to allow the coordinator to get to know each applicant. Prior to the interview, it is hoped that the student and/or parent has attended an information session, and as a family, you have discussed this important high school choice. The interview is an opportunity for families to ask questions to clarify whether IB is the best choice for the applicant. The student must come to the interview with a parent or mature family member. Parents and students should feel comfortable with the interview and capitalize on this chance to find out as much as possible about IB.

The interview typically takes about 30 minutes. The following questions may be asked:

1. *What are your interests? What do you do for fun?*
2. *What things are important to you?*
3. *Tell me about an instance when you have been challenged.*
4. *What career are you considering?*
5. *What three adjectives describe you?*
6. *If you could change something about yourself, what would it be?*
7. *What can you offer the IB Programme at Mount Pleasant High School?*
8. *What questions do you have for me?*

The ideal IB student can communicate clearly and honestly, can demonstrate a sense of who he/she is, and can verbalize why he/she wants to be in the IB Programme. The undecided student should use this time to thoroughly explore the decision. It is easier to enjoy the interview if the student comes ready to talk about him/herself. Students should know that nonverbal things such as posture, eye contact, and good manners count! Students may choose to withdraw their application after the interview and reconsider their decision at any point prior to the end of the school year.

When the school has received the completed application and academic standards pages as well as all teacher and counselor recommendations, the IB office will call and schedule the interview.

## **Writing Assessment**

All students applying to the IB Programme must participate in a writing sample. The sample will be administered at Mount Pleasant High School on one of three scheduled dates. Students will be given 45 minutes to respond to a prompt supplied by the coordinator. Writing will be scored in five areas: introduction, organization, sentence formation, conventions and word choice, and the conclusion. Sessions will begin promptly at the designated time. If a student arrives late, he/she will not receive extended time to complete the assessment. Students should bring two sharpened pencils and an eraser with them. The school will provide dictionaries.

Dates and times for the assessment are listed in the timeline and the student profile pages of the application. To receive notification by February, the writing sample must be completed prior to the January 7<sup>th</sup> deadline.

# ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND ADMISSIONS

## Academic Standards

Students who are enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme Pathway must have a cumulative, unweighted grade point average of 2.5 at the end of every year with no final grades of F in an academic class. Failure to maintain a 2.5 may result in removal from the full Diploma Programme Pathway. While students may be removed from the full Programme pathway, they may continue in individual MYP/DP classes in which their final grade is a 2.5 or higher. Students may appeal removal from the full Programme to an Academic Review Board. Appeal requests must be submitted in writing to the IB coordinator.

## Admissions Agreement

Students and parents committing to the Diploma Programme Pathway are expected to remain in the programme for one full year. The Admissions Committee will review exceptions for students experiencing academic difficulty. Students requesting an exception must appeal in writing to the IB Coordinator. Students and parents committing to the IB Programme who reside outside of Mount Pleasant High School's attendance area are required to complete an IB school choice form. This form will be mailed out with the acceptance letters. Choice will automatically be granted to students who are accepted into the IB Programme, regardless of filing date. The Admissions Committee will review choice status for students leaving the Programme at the end of the year in which they leave.

Students in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade IB classes must sit for the international examinations. It is not optional. The total cost for all exams is approximately \$1100, but, depending on when the student completes the class, may be divided between grades 11 and 12. Payment is due in October/November of the school year in which the student will sit for the IB exam. The Brandywine School District will pay all fees for students who qualify for free or reduced school lunches.

## Signatures

This application is being submitted for entrance into the International Baccalaureate Middle Years/Diploma Programme at Mount Pleasant High School for the 2019-2020 academic year. We verify that the information submitted is accurate as of this date. We also give permission for school records to be released to the Mount Pleasant High School IB Programme.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature                      Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature                      Date



**Mount Pleasant High School  
International Baccalaureate Programme  
Confidential Recommendation  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Guidance Counselor**

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNSELOR: \_\_\_\_\_

MIDDLE SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for the above-named school to release my child's records to the IB Programme at Mount Pleasant High School.



Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

TEST SCORES: Please provide the test scores (raw score) for the following. If the score is not available, indicate by placing N/A on the line.

STAR – READING      GRADE 7 \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE 8 \_\_\_\_\_

STAR - MATH      GRADE 7 \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE 8 \_\_\_\_\_

If the above test scores are not available, please provide alternative data for the past two years.

NAME OF TEST \_\_\_\_\_

READING      GRADE 7 \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE 8 \_\_\_\_\_

MATH      GRADE 7 \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE 8 \_\_\_\_\_

Circle disciplines in which your school offers Gifted/Honors courses: English Math Science Social Studies World Language

Does your school offer foreign language in grade 7? Yes No In grade 8? Yes No

Is this student a consistently high-average to high performer? Yes No

Do you feel this student is capable of working successfully in the IB Programme? Yes No

Please check one of the following. Any additional comments are helpful, appreciated, and kept confidential.

\_\_\_\_\_ I heartily recommend      \_\_\_\_\_ I recommend

\_\_\_\_\_ I recommend with reservations      \_\_\_\_\_ I do not recommend

**Counselors: Please attach a copy of the student's final seventh grade report card and a copy of the most current eighth grade report card to this recommendation. Do not give the documents to the student. Return them directly MPHS via district or US Postal Service mail.**

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Counselor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN BY January 7, 2019 to:**

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**Mount Pleasant High School  
International Baccalaureate Programme  
Confidential Recommendation  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies Teacher**

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_

MIDDLE SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ CIRCLE ONE: American History World History  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please place a check mark under the number corresponding to your choice according to the following scale:

**\*Please note that teacher recommendations make up 25% of the student application and are taken seriously. If you have any questions, please call the IB Office at 762-7054.**

- 5- Exhibits this trait to an exceptional degree
- 4- Exhibits this trait consistently
- 3- Exhibits this trait frequently
- 2- Exhibits this trait occasionally
- 1- Exhibits this trait rarely

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1. Learns quickly and seeks assistance when necessary					
2. Is able to challenge, speculate and make creative associations					
3. Is sensitive to clock and calendar deadlines					
4. Works well in group settings					
5. Demonstrates strong skills in this subject area					
6. Is a self-starter & shows initiative					
7. Communicates well in both written and oral form					
8. Is highly motivated with a positive attitude about learning					
9. Is punctual and prepared for class					
10. Shows responsibility, dependability, and honesty					

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

How many levels of Social Studies does your school offer in grade 8? \_\_\_\_\_

What is this student's level? Circle one: Gifted Honors Grade level Below grade level

What is the course number for the highest level? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you feel this student is capable of working successfully in the I.B. Program? Yes No

Please check one of the following. Any additional comments are helpful, appreciated, and kept confidential.

\_\_\_\_\_ I heartily recommend \_\_\_\_\_ I recommend

\_\_\_\_\_ I recommend with reservations \_\_\_\_\_ I do not recommend

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do not give this recommendation to the student. Return it directly to MPHS via district or US Postal Service mail.**

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