



# The Sarasota County Pre-International Baccalaureate International Baccalaureate Programs at Riverview High School



## APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION 2010

### RIVERVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

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**PRE-IB 9<sup>TH</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> GRADE & IB 11<sup>TH</sup>/12<sup>TH</sup>**



## CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION FOR ADMISSION

- Recommended final grades of A or B for English, Math, Science, and Social Studies in your previous grade, and 1<sup>st</sup> semester of your current grade level.
- Recommended Stanine 7 or higher (Total Reading and Total Math) on the Stanford Grade Achievement Test or equivalent standardized test.
- **Sarasota County Residency: Only residents of Sarasota County are eligible to attend RHS IB. Out of County students may apply but any acceptances are contingent upon residency verification at registration.**
- Completion of all appropriate Pre-IB/IB application forms (your paperwork must be complete in order to be evaluated for admission). See **Application Procedure** for requirements.
- Students may be required to take entrance exams for various subject areas and/or submit a writing sample.
- Screening Committees will be comprised of Pre-IB and IB staff.
- \*Grade 10 – please refer to riverviewib.com for prerequisites.
- \*Grade 11 – very stringent acceptance criteria. Please refer to riverviewib.com for prerequisites.
- \*Grade 12 – only students transferring from another IB school will be accepted.
- No new applications or admissions will be accepted once the 2010 school year has begun.

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**PLEASE: NO PHONE CALLS - E-Mails ONLY**



## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- Read, for understanding, the **Academic Guidelines**.
- Complete the **Student Information Page, Parent/Guardian Information, Statement of Intent** and the **Student/Parent Evaluation**.
- Read and sign the **International Baccalaureate Honor Code**.
- Submit the **Guidance Page** to the person responsible for record keeping at your school, usually the **Guidance Department** and request that they please provide the required information and then send it to **Riverview High School, One Ram Way, Sarasota, FL 34231...Attention: Carol Miller, IB Secretary**.
- Parent/Student...**Return the Student Information, Student/Parent Evaluation Parent/Guardian Information, and Honor Code Pages to Riverview High School, One Ram Way, Sarasota, FL 34231...Attention: Carol Miller, IB Secretary**. It is not recommended that you ask your school to send these papers to us. Receipt of these pages at Riverview “opens” your file, declares your intent and enables us to contact you if we need additional information.
- Enrollment is limited. Applications are reviewed only once all required information has been received. Timely return of the requested documentation is very important.
- No admissions to the program will be allowed once the school year has begun with the exception of students transferring from another International Baccalaureate Diploma School.

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- **Please**, in order to devote our time to our current students, **do not call** to check on the status of your application. E mails only!
  - You will be informed of the committee’s decision via the U.S. Post Office. This information will not be given over the phone.
  - Out of district students who are accepted must complete a Reassignment Form prior May 1, 2010. **(If you leave the IB Program, you will be required to return to your home school.)**



**ACADEMIC GUIDELINES**

The following Academic Guidelines have been established by the IB Leadership Committee, and, as such, are reviewed periodically. The purposes of the ‘Guidelines’ are to protect the academic integrity of Riverview’s IB Program and to publicize benchmarks, so that students and parents can assess individual success and monitor academic progress.

<b>Pre-IB Academic Requirements</b>	<b>Grade Requirements</b>	<b>Consequences for Failing to Meet Requirements</b>
<b>9th Grade*</b>	The student must have an <b><i>unweighted</i></b> 2.75 GPA <b><i>each semester</i></b> .	The student who has less than a 2.75 <b><u>unweighted</u></b> semester average will be placed on academic probation
		The student who has less than a <b><u>unweighted</u></b> GPA of 2.5 will be removed from the program at the end of the ninth grade year.
<b>10th Grade*</b>	The student must have an <b><i>unweighted</i></b> 2.75 GPA <b><i>each semester</i></b> .	The student who has less than a 2.75 <b><u>unweighted</u></b> semester average will be placed or remain on academic probation.
	The student with an <b><i>unweighted cumulative</i></b> GPA of 2.5 will be placed on academic advisement.	The student who has less than a 2.75 <b><u>unweighted</u></b> GPA will be removed from the program at the end of the sophomore year. (The student may appeal.)
<b>Note:</b> (Entrance into IB) At the end of the student’s 10th grade year (pre-IB), the student <b><i>must</i></b> be recommended for three HL course of studies by three Pre-IB/IB teachers to continue into the IB program.		
<b>11th and 12th Grades</b>	<b><i>Each semester</i></b> the student must have an <b><i>unweighted</i></b> 2.75 GPA; no more than <b><i>one D</i></b> and <b><i>no F’s</i></b> .	The student may be requested to leave the program. Any student with more than one D and/or any F’s at the end of junior year will be removed from the program. If this occurs during grade 12, student will be removed at the end of the 1 <sup>st</sup> semester.
<b>EXTENDED ESSAY</b>	The student will submit finished copies (with disk) of the Extended Essay on the first day of classes senior year.	The student will be removed from the program. The student must then take those necessary actions to meet all graduation requirements.
<b>CAS</b>	The student will complete CAS hours by February of his/her senior year.	The student will be removed from the program and may fail to meet his/her high school graduation requirements.

**A student will be removed from probation in the semester in which he/she is in total conformance with these guidelines.**

Students who leave the Program will have to return to their districted high school.







The International Baccalaureate Program is a nationally and internationally recognized program designed for academically committed students who set high personal and educational goals and who want to pursue excellence in multiple academic areas, including the humanities in addition to mathematics and science. In the space below, please explain **(1) why you would like to participate in the IB program and (2) why you think you would succeed in an academic setting such as the International Baccalaureate provides.** Response must be authored and handwritten by the student.

Lined writing area for student response.

**Parent Evaluation**

In the space below, please comment on your son or daughter’s strengths and/or weaknesses in the following areas:

**Commitment to academic goals:**

Lined writing area for parent evaluation under 'Commitment to academic goals'.

**Time-management skills:**

Lined writing area for parent evaluation under 'Time-management skills'.

**Ability to handle stress:**

Lined writing area for parent evaluation under 'Ability to handle stress'.



RHS Pre-IB Application: Parent/Guardian Information and Statement of Intent

Student \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First M.I.

I have read the IB/Pre-International Baccalaureate literature and commit my full support to my child’s participation. I understand that meeting the eligibility requirements do not ensure admission to the program and that the decision of the selection committee will be final.

I will ensure that my child has uninterrupted study time daily and will supervise the use of the study time in the most productive way. I will also commit my support to the IB teachers by following their guidance regarding further study in order to ensure my child’s successful completion of the program s/he has chosen. I understand that the International Baccalaureate curriculum is prescriptive and as such Pre-IB/IB staff must teach what IB prescribes.

I further understand that as a part of the IB Diploma requirements, my son/daughter must complete 150 hours of CAS (Creativity, Action, Service) between the end of the sophomore year and prior to the second semester of the senior year, and should have all activities pre-approved by the CAS mentor. Since CAS hours must be completed beyond the regular school day, it becomes the parents’ and students’ responsibility to schedule events and transportation to and from events. CAS hours will also help to meet the volunteer requirements for National Honor Society and Florida Academic Scholars. In addition, and as per Sarasota County School District’s pupil progression policy, IB students must complete all other full diploma school requirements (all IB exams, extended essay, etc.). If a student requests to leave the program after grade 9, the request must be made in writing preceding the beginning of the next academic year. Further, I understand that should my child leave the IB program s/he must meet all graduation requirements as specified by the Florida Statute and the Sarasota County Pupil Progression Plan. **I also understand that if my child is an out of district student and we choose to leave the IB Program, he/she will have to return to our districted school.**

If my child is accepted to the Pre-IB/IB program, I agree to support his/her participation for at least one year. Further, I agree to attend all RHS Open Houses and *mandatory* Pre-IB/IB Parent meetings, and to serve on one of the following Pre-IB/IB Parent committees: IB Parent Finance Committee; IB Parent Communications Committee; IB Parent Social and Cultural Committee; IB Parent Service Committee (estimated minimum of 20 hours/year).

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**The International Baccalaureate**

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Print**

**HONOR CODE**

The International Baccalaureate offers a quality education that not only ensures knowledge, but also cultivates the virtues of honor, courtesy, and perseverance. Of these virtues, honor is of great importance, for it is personal integrity that will influence and finally determine many of our action sand beliefs. To help the development of such values, the Pre-IB/IB Honor Code has been established to help uphold the tradition of excellence for which Riverview High School is known and respected and on which IB’s Mission is based.

As a student of the pre-IB or IB program of Riverview High School, you are expected to maintain the highest standards of academic integrity, overall scholarship, school leadership and community responsibility.

So that the expectations of the IB faculty are clear, we have compiled a list of behaviors we unanimously agree are forms of cheating.

1. Looking on someone else’s paper during a test or quiz.
2. Plagiarizing another’s words or ideas (including data downloaded from the internet) in a report, research paper, or extended essay.
3. Revealing to someone who has not taken a test or quiz what the questions or problems are.
4. Copying or conferring with other students or with adults on any independently designated assignment.
5. Writing notes in a convenient place and referring to them during a test or quiz.
6. Sliding your paper into viewing range of another student during a test or quiz.
7. Working out signals and using them to help someone on a test or quiz.
8. Looking at the paper of a student who is still working on a test when you come into the room from another class; checking out the teacher’s desk to see what might be helpful.
9. Misrepresenting the submission of information (events, hours, or other data) regarding the **CAS** component of the program.
10. Unauthorized use of technological devices to complete, disseminate or reveal to self or others information or answers.
11. Having knowledge of another IB student’s plan or participation in “cheating” without confiding directly or anonymously to IB personnel.
12. Any infraction that warrants a school referral, or violation of civil or criminal law.

Both IB and RHS will treat cheating as a very serious matter. An IB Honor Council consisting of the principal, IB Coordinator, a counselor and at least 2 faculty members will convene to decide upon disciplinary action when an infraction of the honor code occurs. In addition to receiving disciplinary action, an IB student who is found guilty of cheating, will be a candidate for exit from IB. If a student has been found guilty of cheating, he or she will not be recommended for the National Honor Society or any of the other honor societies. If the student is already a member, the sponsor of the organization will be notified. In addition letters of recommendation to colleges may not be written.

Whether you are specifically asked to sign the honor pledge for each IB assignment or not, it will be understood that as an IB student you will always be able to sign the following:

On my honor, I promise that I have neither given nor received help on this assignment/examination, nor will I pass on information to others.

I have read, understand, and agree to the terms of the IB Honor Code and Guidebook.

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

Parent’s signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The above signatures also indicate that we have read/agree with the Honor Code.

