



# Memorial Middle School and Jones High School International Baccalaureate World Schools Admission Policy

International Baccalaureate Programmes are designed to help students develop the knowledge, understanding, attitudes, and skills necessary to participate actively and responsibly in a changing world. IB Programmes are internationally recognized and encourage students to embrace and understand the connections between traditional subjects and the real world, and to become critical and reflective thinkers.

Students throughout the Orange County School District may apply for this programme.

## Admission into the IB MYP for Zoned Students

### Eligibility

- Students must reside in the Orange County, Florida neighborhood zone for the school.
- Students in grades 6-8 must apply to join the IB MYP. All students in grades 9 and 10 are MYP students.
- Students may apply to the OCPS Magnet, however failure to apply does not limit participation. Acceptance into the OCPS Magnet allows students to remain in the IB Programme moving outside of the attendance zone or students will be transferred to the IB Programme nearest the new address.
- Students earning a Level 3-5 on the State Assessments are encouraged to enroll in the Magnet to secure a spot in the IB Diploma Programme. Memorial MS may place students into IB MYP classes based on State Assessment scores and grade requirements without an application to meet class size requirements.
- Each student is evaluated individually in accordance with the IB Inclusion Policy. Due to federal guidelines regarding meeting special needs or state mandated remedial courses some students may not fully participate in the IB MYP.

## Admission into the IB MYP for OCPS Magnet Students

### Eligibility

- Students must reside in Orange County, Florida and be eligible to apply in order to begin the OCPS Magnet application process. OCPS offers IB in five high schools. Students will be placed in an IB Programme based on their address. Students may only apply when entering grades 6- 10.
- *Specific Eligibility Requirements:* Applicant's schedule must be able to accommodate magnet classes; a 2.5 GPA is recommended for middle schools and 3.0 GPA for high school.
- OCPS School Board Policy for Magnet Schools requires the student's schedule must be able to accommodate the required magnet classes, core classes, and elective classes. In addition, the grade reports from the previous two (2) years must show evidence of on-grade-level performance.
- OCPS School Board Policy for Magnet Schools requires Middle School Eligibility, Selection and Admission: Eligible applications for middle school programs must first meet the comprehensive assessment state and/or District test(s) standards to establish on-grade-level abilities and determine application eligibility. On-grade level eligible applicants are computer selected. Certain middle school courses taken during the elementary school years may be given priority consideration.

### Lottery

- For those programs whose number of eligible applicants exceeds the number of seats available, a computerized lottery will be held on February 20. All lotteries will be held in the Board Room at the Ronald Blocker Educational Leadership Center, 445 W. Amelia Street, Orlando, Florida 32801.

- For high school applicants, 60% of the available seats will be assigned by a computerized GPA ranking system and 40% of the available seats will be assigned randomly via lottery.

### Notification

- Eligible students who submit applications by the deadline of February 15, will be notified of their status via email sent to the parent email address listed on the application. This email is considered the official notice of a magnet program offer or wait pool status. Students who are offered seats in programs must register at the school during the registration dates listed in the notification email.
- Eligible students who are not offered a seat in the first lottery will be placed in a wait pool. A second lottery, if program seats become available, will be held at the beginning of April.
- Eligible students who are not offered a seat in the first or second lottery will be sent their waitlist number via the parent email address listed on the application. If magnet program seats become available, students will be notified via email sent to the parent email address listed on the application.
- If you do not receive an email by March 4, please email [magnetoffice@ocps.net](mailto:magnetoffice@ocps.net), and include your student's name, student ID number, and the program(s) for which you have applied.

### Admission into the IB Diploma Programme:

- Any student in attendance at Jones that has successfully completed and passed their coursework, including at a minimum French/Spanish I and Algebra II, by the end of grade 10 may request enrollment into the Diploma Programme.
- IB Diploma Programme students must attend all 7 courses at Jones High School in their Junior and Senior year and are not eligible to take Dual Enrollment courses as IB Diploma Programme courses are college credit courses.

### Student Continuation and Exit Criteria

- As a general rule, once a student is admitted to a magnet program, the Office of School Choice Services may allow the student to remain in that school or program until the student reaches the highest grade level offered by that magnet program.
- Upon acceptance to a magnet program, students and parents may be required to sign an agreement of understanding indicating certain academic, attendance, and behavioral requirements of the magnet school or magnet program. Students who fail to meet the standards set forth by the magnet school or magnet program may be placed on an appropriate probation for one grading period. The probationary form may be completed and signed by all applicable parties and forwarded to the Office of School Choice Services for documentation. If the violation is corrected during the specified time period, the probation will no longer apply. If there is insufficient improvement at the conclusion of the probation period, the student will be exited from the magnet school or magnet program and will be required to return to his/her zoned school at the end of the first semester, or the end of the school year, whichever occurs first.
- Students who wish to voluntarily exit a magnet program after the school year is in progress may complete a request to withdraw from the magnet school or magnet program and return to the student's zoned school, which must be approved by the receiving and sending schools. Otherwise, a magnet program assignment is the student's assignment for the remainder of the school year.
- The Superintendent or designee may submit recommendations to the School Board for its approval concerning entrance and exit criteria for all special programs.

The policy is presented to stakeholders annually for review and may be revised upon request.

Resources: Magnet Programs. (n.d.). Retrieved from [https://www.ocps.net/departments/school\\_choice/magnet\\_programs](https://www.ocps.net/departments/school_choice/magnet_programs). Magnet School Programs. (12/09/2014). Retrieved from

[https://www.ocps.net/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_54619/File/Departments/School%20Board%20Services/School%20Board%20Policies/JFBD%20Magnet%20School%20Programs%2012\\_09\\_14.pdf](https://www.ocps.net/UserFiles/Servers/Server_54619/File/Departments/School%20Board%20Services/School%20Board%20Policies/JFBD%20Magnet%20School%20Programs%2012_09_14.pdf).

Date Revised: January 18, 2022. \*This policy will be presented to the staff and reviewed annually. Revisions will occur as necessary.