

1. How many spaces are there?
  - a. There will be no fewer than 140 spaces.
2. Do you offer French Immersion?
  - a. Yes. In grades 9-10 half the courses offered are in French. In grade 11 & 12, students take one IB French course per year to meet the language requirement.
3. Do you have to be Gifted to get into the IB Programme?
  - a. No. The IB Programme is for students looking to challenge themselves and who are willing to work.
4. Do all universities recognize the IB Diploma?
  - a. Yes, all universities recognize the IB Diploma and many give first year credits for completing the Diploma.
5. Will my child's marks be lower in the IB Programme compared to the Ontario program?
  - a. No. All IB schools in Ontario use the Table of Equivalence, so that students receive credit for the work that they do towards the IB Diploma.
6. Will I have to stop all of my extra-curricular activities to be in the IB Diploma Programme?
  - a. No. IB encourages students to be engaged in the world around them and to reflect on why that engagement is important to them.
7. When are applications due?
  - a. Applications are due to Merivale HS by **10 December 2020 at 6:00 PM**.
8. Does the IB Programme cost anything?
  - a. Yes, the Programme has an annual fee of \$325. Students/families in grades 11 & 12 are responsible for the costs of their formal IB examinations. Financial assistance is available upon request.
9. Is transportation available for the IB Programme?
  - a. Yes. To qualify, students must be registered in the IB Programme, live in the municipality of Ottawa-Carleton, and meet the distance requirement of 3.2 km from the school. If this is the case, mode of transportation is determined by OSTA (Ottawa Student Transportation Authority) and may be Presto pass or Yellow Bus.
10. What is the success rate for the IB Programme?
  - a. In the OCDSB, as Merivale's programme is new, the data we have is from Colonel By S.S. Approximately 80% of the students who begin the programme in grade 9 graduate with their IB Diploma.
11. Is there a waiting list?
  - a. Yes. All students who are not successful in the first round are placed on a waitlist. We typically have three to four rounds of offers prior to finalizing our incoming grade 9 class.

12. When will I find out if I have an offer?
  - a. Offers are made in mid-March.
  
13. If I am not successful in my application in grade 9 can I apply again?
  - a. Yes, students are able to apply for consideration for entry in grade 10.
  
14. Where can I find more general information about the IB Programme?
  - a. Please visit [ibo.org](http://ibo.org) for more information!
  
15. Can I attend the IB School outside of my boundary?
  - a. No. Attendance at the school is determined by geographic boundaries established by Trustees for both Merivale HS and Colonel By SS.
  
16. How do IB graduates fare at post-secondary applications?
  - a. IB graduates are successful applicants to post-secondary institutions, and many receive first year entrance scholarships.