



Monarch Park Collegiate **International Baccalaureate Program**

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program:

- a rigorous two-year university preparatory program
- recognized by universities in nearly 150 countries
- internationally standardized curriculum and assessment

The **IB Diploma Program** occurs during Grades 11 and 12. The **IB Prep Program** occurs during Grades 9 and 10 and provides a unique opportunity to develop the skills needed to be successful in the IB Diploma Program.

More information on the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program can be found at: www.ibo.org
and our school website www.monarchparkcollegiate.ca

Students who are interested in the IB Prep Program at Monarch Park should be:

- hard working and active in their own learning;
- planning on attending university (possibly abroad);
- strong in all subjects, including languages, mathematics, science and social studies;
- attracted by a rigorous curriculum;
- interested in becoming more creative, more active, and more involved in community service;
- organized, and proficient at time management;
- comfortable in both independent and group learning environments;
- confident communicators;
- independent and engaged learners.

This is what successful IB Prep and IB Program students do. Are you prepared to:

- **attend class every day?**
 - IB classes are often demanding.
 - Teachers must cover material faster which makes it harder to make up material.
- **ask questions?**
 - As a student, you are in charge of your learning.
 - Teachers are facilitators - not the sole dispensers of knowledge.
- **form study groups with others?**
 - Learning with peers can offer different insights or views to a topic and may help you understand better.

- **keep an up-to-date calendar/agenda?**
 - Success in the IB Prep and Diploma Programs requires organization and time management skills both in and outside of school.
 - The Monarch Park Collegiate Student Agenda or similar electronic time management tool should be used daily to keep track of deadlines, assignments, meetings and commitments.

- **complete homework and review?**
 - Students will be assigned between one and two hours of homework each night.
 - Review of learning is required before quizzes, tests and examinations.
 - During weekends, holidays, and breaks, additional homework/ reading/ assignments may be given in order to satisfy curricular requirements.

- **reflect on your learning?**
 - It is important to understand yourself as a learner.
 - Quickly recognize your weaknesses and act to improve on them.
 - Learn from your struggles and your mistakes so that you can adapt and handle future situations better.

- **make time for fun?**
 - There is more to life than the courses; if you are only focused on work, you may burn out before you finish.
 - Balance is important: school work, extra-curricular activities, family responsibilities, community activities, personal life and sleep.

- **exercise and participate in activities?**
 - Rigorous work can lead to stress which can be managed through exercise and extra-curricular activities.
 - It is important to have outlets: a team sport, a club, a community organization, etc.

- **control your screen time?**
 - Cellphones, social media and video games all absorb precious time that needs to be used on more productive activities that will facilitate student success.
 - Self-discipline is therefore essential.

As a parent or guardian, are you prepared to...?

- **be involved in and support your child's education?**
 - Frequent communication is necessary with your child to be aware of their progress, successes and difficulties.
 - Students get discouraged at various points during high school; encouragement is needed.
 - Contact subject teachers directly with subject-related concerns.
 - Contact the IB Coordinator with other concerns or inquiries.

- **provide an environment conducive to learning and working?**
 - Set aside a dedicated area for concentrated study.
 - Help your child by talking about and discussing the topics and texts being studied.
 - Help them to develop study skills and a sustained commitment to work.
 - Interfere when too much time is spent on screens; ensure your child gets enough sleep.



NOTE: REVISED VERSION AS OF WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27th 2019
due to updated information from the TDSB.

The Monarch Park Collegiate Open House for all Grade 8 students and their parents or guardians is on Thursday, November 28th, 2019.

Self-guided tours of the school begin at 6:00 p.m.
The presentation begins at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

Specific information about the IB Prep and IB Programs at Monarch Park will be given directly following the general school presentation.

Please note that, starting next school year, TDSB students in the IB Diploma Program will be required to pay the following fees:

\$1500 – payment by February of Gr. 10 upon course selection for Grade 11

AND

\$1500 –payment by February of Gr. 11 upon course selection for Grade 12.

Please also note that transportation, including busing and distribution of TTC tickets, is not included for Specialized Programs.

Monarch Park Collegiate **International Baccalaureate Prep Program**

TDSB Statement of Commitment:

TDSB is committed to creating an equitable school system where the achievement and well-being of every student is fostered through rich, culturally authentic learning experiences in diverse, accepting environments where all are included, every voice is heard, and every experience is honoured.

Procedure for Applying to the IB Prep Program at Monarch Park Collegiate for the 2020/2021 Academic Year

Please read carefully the following pages carefully:

TDSB strives to meet the accommodation needs of persons with disabilities. Applicants are encouraged to make their needs for accommodation known in advance during the application process.

NEW: There are two parts to the Application: a completed online Google Form AND a paper submission of the following Application Package.

- A. Complete this **Google Form**:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSftbOtiy6RM4WZHpuoUb3sN5rNjzK7Odz2fiMjvSpGRCxwcv/viewform?usp=sf_link
- B. The **Paper Application Package** must include, in this order:
- 1) A **copy** of your most recent Grade 8 Report Card;
 - 2) A **copy** of your final Grade 7 Report Card;
 - 3) A *completed TDSB Optional Attendance Form*, including the Signature of your Current School Principal (or designate) at the bottom.
(**NOTE:** the 2-sided 2020/2021 Optional Attendance Form required for the IB Prep Program at Monarch Park Collegiate is included as a separate PDF document found within the IB section on our school website . DO NOT submit an application package without this required Optional Attendance Form.)
(**ALSO NOTE:** Even if Monarch Park Collegiate is your home school, you **must complete** this *TDSB Optional Attendance Form* because the IB Prep Program is a Specialized Program.)
- C. The **Paper Application Package** must be submitted in a single envelope (containing all required parts, in order) to the attention of: **Jacqueline Allen, IB Diploma Program Coordinator**
Main Office, Monarch Park Collegiate
1 Hanson Street, Toronto, Ontario M4J 1G6
- Completed **Paper Application Packages** may be delivered in person to the school's Main Office, or mailed to the school. Do **not** submit applications by fax or email. Only **complete** application packages will be considered. Include **only** the required application components.
- D. Both parts of the Application (Completed **Google Form** and **Paper Application Package**) must be received at the school's Main Office by **4:00 p.m. on Thurs., Dec. 19th, 2019**.
- E. Selected applicants will be contacted via email by **Friday, January 10th, 2020** and invited to write an **Entrance Assessment** during one of two offered **Entrance Assessment Completion Sessions** (either a.m. or p.m.) The **Entrance Assessment** will include a Long Writing Task and several Short Answer Questions.

Entrance Assessment Completion Sessions will take place on **Thursday, January 16th** in the cafeteria at Monarch Park Collegiate. Applicants invited to the **Entrance Assessment Completion Session** will be met in Monarch Park's front foyer by a senior student, sign in, and be escorted to the cafeteria. **The Morning Session will take place at 9:45 a.m. The afternoon session will take place at 1:15 p.m.** The session will take approximately 90 minutes.

Interested applicants should attend the IB Prep Information Session at Monarch Park's Open House Night on November 28th, be familiar with the IB Prep and IB Diploma Programs offered at Monarch Park, and consider their suitability to these programs. The **Entrance Assessment** will include a Long Writing Task, several Short Answer Questions, and 15 Math Questions.

NOTE:

Acceptance to the program is based on a scoring system that includes each applicant's report cards, learning skills, and Entrance Assessment.

- F. If accepted to the IB Prep Program at Monarch Park, applicants will be contacted via email by: **Monday, February 10th**. An **MPC IB Prep Acceptance Package** will also be mailed to your home containing: an **Acceptance Letter, Acceptance of Offer Form, Registration Form, and MPC IB Prep Program Course Selection Instructions**. The two enclosed forms must be completed, signed, and returned to Monarch Park Collegiate by: Friday, February 28th in order to guarantee the applicant's place in the program.
- G. Students who accept a place in the IB Prep Program **must also complete their Course Selection on My Blueprint by Friday, February 28th**. Students will receive specific instructions to complete this Course Selection in their **MPC IB Prep Acceptance Package**.

Note:

Students who enter the Grade 9 IB Prep Program are on track to enter the IB Diploma Program in their Grade 11 and 12 years. Students who gain admission to Monarch Park Collegiate's IB Program must achieve a minimum of 80% in each course taken during the Grade 10 IB Prep academic year, as well as be in good standing with their CAS Prep expectations regarding community involvement, community service and reflective practice.

It is recommended that students achieve 80% in each course taken during the Grade 9 IB Prep Program academic year.