



International Business and Technology Regional Program

Frequently Asked Questions to support MDV Teachers when answering questions

1. What is the IBT Program?

The IBT program is designed to extend traditional secondary curriculum with a solid foundation in International Studies, Business and Technology, giving students an opportunity to specialize in these three areas in their senior years of High School. (More in table below)

2. Who can apply?

Any student who is currently in grade 8 can apply to ONLY ONE of Peel's IBT programs. However, they MUST refer to the boundary map (<http://goo.gl/6dTioE>) and apply to the Meadowvale one.

3. What are the advantages of my child taking an IBT course?

The main advantage of taking an IBT course is better preparation for future goals and careers. The layout of the program is highly unique. Students are immersed in classes using technology that develop skills to help them think critically about real world issues and business. IBT courses provide enrichment above the Ontario Curriculum and special experiential learning activities (e.g. specialized field trips, guest speakers, post-secondary tours, team building activities).

4. How does an IBT class compare to other high school courses?

IBT classes follow the Ontario Curriculum for all courses. Courses for IBT students, however, provide enrichment and focus on International Studies, Business and Technology. All courses are delivered using technological tools and all IBT students are required to use a laptop or other appropriate electronic device.

5. How much does it cost for my child to be part of the Regional IBT Program at Meadowvale?

The annual fee to be part of the Regional IBT Program is \$200/student. This will cover some of the enrichment activities, course materials, experiential learning and special IBT field trips. As well as, any professional development of the teachers to help develop the IBT enrichments and experiential learning.

6. Will my child get bussing?

Presently, the Peel Board of Education does not operate bussing for ANY Regional Program. However, in many schools with specialized programs, the parents of children in the program often form a Parents' Council. Out of that council, a decision can be made to hire private busses for students to travel to and from school. Parents will pay a yearly fee to participate in the private bussing program. Another option, considering Meadowvale's prime location, is for students to travel via Mississauga Transit.

7. Can IBT students join either of the Specialist High Skills Major Programs (SHSM) programs at Meadowvale?

Absolutely. Students are encouraged to join. The programs complement each other very well and will provide more chances for your students to be a part of amazing experiential learning opportunities, but also, they will achieve, at no cost to them, several industry respected certifications and “on the job” training. This is a great advantage that Meadowvale has over the other Regional Programs.

8. Where do students apply?

All regional programs in Peel, have an online application process. Please find the application and instructions at this link: <https://goo.gl/oOo9We>. Please note that there is a \$40 fee for each program the student applies to.

9. What are the differences between IBT, Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB)

Regional Programs in Peel?

	IBT	AP	IB
Overview	<p>The International Business Technology (IBT) program provides students with a challenging program in all academic areas. Students enrolled in the program will explore subjects from a global perspective.</p> <p>Since the program began in 1994, it has become a recognized leader in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • business and entrepreneurial innovation • the use of technology to support learning • the development of positive student attitudes towards academics, personal management and teamwork • providing students with lifelong learning strategies that encourage success 	<p>The Advanced Placement (AP) program allows students to pursue university-level studies while in secondary school. Students can earn a first-year university credit for each AP credit achieved. In grades 9 and 10, students in the AP program will fulfill the requirements of the Ontario curriculum, while experiencing additional enrichment to prepare them for the senior level AP courses.</p> <p>At the senior level, students select from available AP courses and work towards successful completion of the AP exams. Subject areas include English, mathematics, science, social science and French. The program is designed to enable students to think deeply and take personal responsibility for their learning</p>	<p>The International Baccalaureate (IB) program provides a stimulating academic environment that celebrates learning and connects it to the world outside the classroom. It emphasizes awareness and acceptance of all cultures and attitudes, and fosters an understanding of how and why we learn.</p>
Entrance Requirement	Yes - online application, Grade 7/8 marks and Learning Skills	Yes - online application, Grade 7/8 marks and Learning Skills and in school test	Yes - online application, Grade 7/8 marks and Learning Skills and in school test
Cost	\$200/year	\$200/year	\$400-500/year
Content Delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic focus at grade level. • Mandatory use of technology by teachers and students. • Focus on Contextualized Learning activities in the areas of International Studies, Business and Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic focus, beyond the grade level. • No option for applied level students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic focus, beyond the grade level. • No option for applied level students

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Flexibility	High - Students have several options which is very favourable for career planning	Medium - In grades 9 & 10 students must take 5 AP courses each year. In grades 11 & 12, students have the choice of which AP classes to take	Low - Students must follow a package of courses for all 4 years.
End of Program Testing	No	Yes	Yes
Upon completion..	Student will	Upon completion, students may obtain "Advance Placement" in university if they scored high on The AP exam for that course.	Upon completion of the IB program, students earn a diploma that is recognized by universities internationally.