

GLENFOREST SECONDARY SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



ABOUT GLENFOREST IB

What are some Advantages of studying IB

Graduates from Glenforest S.S. are well prepared for post secondary studies.

Our IB grad students are studying at many different universities across Canada and around the World.

Our IB Grads have received advanced standing (transfer credits) for their Higher-Level DP courses.

Our IB Grads have received many scholarships and offer of acceptances to highly competitive post-secondary programs such as McMaster Health Sciences, Waterloo Engineering, Waterloo Accounting, Waterloo Computer Science, Western Ivey, and Queens Commerce.

Where do I find more information about the IB Programme in general?

International Baccalaureate Organization website <http://www.ibo.org>

The IB Schools of Ontario website is: <https://www.ibschoolsofontario.ca>

The Glenforest IB website is: <https://schools.peelschools.org/sec/glenforest/ib>

IB Information Night

The 2020 IB Information for Grade 8 students and parents is on Tuesday November 3, 2020, from 7pm to 8pm ONLINE via MS Teams. No sign up is required. The session will be recorded and available on the Glenforest IB website for later viewing.

What is MYP?

MYP stands for Middle Years Programme.

The MYP Programme is a unique pedagogical framework where students learn about Global Contexts and build IB Learner Profile attributes within a balanced set of academic courses. MYP students also complete the Service as Action programme in grades 9 and 10, and a Personal Project (assessed using International Criteria) in grade 10.

MYP courses are year long

Successful completion of the MYP Programme leads to the IB P Programme in Grade 11 and 12.

What is DP?

DP stands for Diploma Programme.

The DP Programme is a 2 year comprehensive programme of study leading to Post Secondary Education. Students complete a holistic and balanced set of academic courses. DP students complete the Creativity Service Action program, a 4000 words Extended Essay in Grade 12, and a Theory of Knowledge essay.

DP Standard Level courses are 2 semesters long and DP Higher Level courses are 3 semesters long.

Completion of the MYP Programme is the pre-requisite for the DP Programme at Glenforest SS.

How is International Baccalaureate (IB) different from Advance Placement (AP)

IB is a wholistic program where students complete a balanced set of academic courses, and participate in non-academic requirements that build important skills such critical thinking, problem solving, communication, creativity, collaboration, teamwork, creativity, and resilience. IB students graduate with an International Baccalaureate World School Diploma and an Ontario Secondary School diploma

AP is course-by-course.

Do students require additional materials?

The school offers access to an extensive group of Databases and membership in IB software application (called Managebac) which supports the students and teachers in meeting the expectations of in MYP and DP.

It is recommended but not mandatory for students to have a laptop to do their school course work.

Which language is offered as the Group 2 Second Language studied in the IB Programme at Glenforest?

A requirement of the IB Diploma is the study of a second language.

Standard Level French is the Group 2 course that is offered at Glenforest S.S. Students study French in grade 11

and 12. Successful IB students are comfortable reading and writing in French.

What kind of a student is a good candidate for IB?

We have found that students with the following traits are successful IB students:

- strong academic marks
- well rounded individuals
- involved in extracurricular activities
- enjoy school and want to learn
- interested in an international perspective are successful students
- creative
- good communicators

The characteristics of the IB student are outlined in the IB Learner Profile.

IB LEARNER PROFILE

The aim of all IB programmes is to develop internationally-minded people who, recognising their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world. IB learners strive to be:

Reflective

Give thoughtful consideration to your own learning and experience. You are able to assess and understand your strengths and limitations in order to support your learning and personal development.

Open-minded

Understand and appreciate your own culture and personal histories, and are open to the perspectives, values and traditions of other individuals and communities. You seek and evaluate a range of points of view, and you are willing to grow from the experience.

Risk-takers

Approach unfamiliar situations and uncertainty with courage and forethought, and have the independence of spirit to explore new roles, ideas and strategies. You are brave and articulate in defending your beliefs.

Caring

Show empathy, compassion and respect towards the needs and feelings of others. You have a personal commitment to service, and act to make a positive difference to the lives of others and to the environment.

Balanced

Understand the importance of intellectual, physical and emotional balance to achieve personal well-being for yourself and others.

Knowledgeable

Explore concepts, ideas and issues that have local and global significance. In so doing, you acquire in-depth knowledge and develop understanding across a broad and balanced range of disciplines.

Inquirers

Have a natural curiosity and learn to acquire the skills necessary to conduct inquiry and research and show independence in learning. You actively enjoy learning and this love of learning will be sustained throughout their lives.

Communicators

Understand and express ideas and information confidently and creatively in more than one language and in a variety of modes of communication. You are willing to work in collaboration with others.

Thinkers

Exercise initiative in applying thinking skills critically and creatively to recognise and approach complex problems, and make reasoned, ethical decisions.



Principled

Act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness, justice and respect for the dignity of the individual, groups and communities. You take responsibility for your own actions and the consequences that accompany them.

ADMISSIONS

Who can apply for the Glenforest International Baccalaureate?

Grade 8 students currently in PDSB and in non-PDSB schools may apply.

PDSB applicants must be from Glenforest catchment area.

What is the catchment area for Glenforest MYP?

PDSB applicants should use this website to determine if they live within Glenforest's catchment:

<https://www.peelschools.org/schools/findyourschool>

I am not a Peel public student; can I still apply?

Yes, non-PDSB public students may apply.

I do not live in Mississauga; can I still apply?

PDSB students that do not live in Glenforest's catchment may not apply to Glenforest IB.

Non-PDSB students who live outside of the Peel region **may** apply to Glenforest IB.

Non-PDSB students who live within Peel may apply if students live within Glenforest's catchment.

* important * - proof of home address and contact information are required to apply.

Where and how do I apply for Glenforest IB?

Go to our Online Admission website to apply online <http://tinyurl.com/GlenforestIB> - this redirect URL will redirect you to the official Glenforest IB website

How do you decide which students are admitted into the Programme?

The Glenforest IB Admission Committee reviews the applications and makes a determination.

Applications include:

- Grade 7 final report grades and learning skills
- Grade 8 progress report grades and learning skills
- Essay answer to Admission Question

What type of grades and skills do I need to be accepted?

The admission requirements vary year to year but generally, students with the following would meet criteria to enter the random selection process:

- Minimum overall average of 75% on final grade 7 report card.
- “Progressing Very Well” and “Progressing well” on the grade 8 progress report card.
- Good to Excellent Learning Skills on final grade 7 report card and grade 8 progress report card.
- Level 4 (ideally) and Level 3 on the IB Admission Question Written Response

How does the Random Selection Process work?

Students who meet criteria (meet the minimum requirements as listed above) would enter a random selection process (aka “lottery”). Students are assigned a number in the random selection process. Those with a lower randomly assigned number will be offered admission in rounds 1, 2 and 3 (i.e.: a student with randomly generated number of #1 will definitely be offered admission).

**Please see PDSB’s Equitable Admission guideline below in the next section.

What is PDSB doing to ensure equitable admission to Regional Learning Choice Programs such as the IB?

Based on a process of self-identification, all Black Canadian, Black African, Black Caribbean, First Nations, Inuit and Métis students who self-identify and meet the criteria for admission will be accepted into the program without participating in the random selection process. The random selection process is completed centrally at the board level and not at the school level.

Are teacher letters of reference needed to apply?

No, teacher reference letters are not required.

I am currently in an IB MYP program, would I get automatic admission into Glenforest IB?

Unfortunately, the PDSB policy does not allow automatic admission from a middle school MYP program to high school IB program.

Can I come in and pick up an application package from the main office?

Application is completed by the student online via <http://tinyurl.com/GlenforestIB> - this redirect URL will re-direct you to the official Glenforest IB website

Can applicants make an appointment to discuss their application with the Principal or the IB Coordinators?

It is not possible for us to meet with each applicant individually. We receive many applications and find the most effective way to handle questions is by email to the IB Coordinators.

What are the application dates and deadlines?

Application opens: Nov. 9, 2020 @ 8:30am

Application closes: Nov. 23, 2020 @ 3pm

1st round offers open: Dec. 3, 2020 after 3pm

1st round acceptances end: Dec. 9, 2020 @ 3pm

2nd round offers open: Dec. 10, 2020 after 3pm

2nd round acceptances end: Dec. 16, 2020 @ 3pm

3rd round acceptances (waitlist) open: Dec. 17, 2020

3rd round acceptances (waitlist): ASAP as communicated via email

What do I do if I am a Non-Peel DSB student and do not have a Peel DSB Student Number?

Each student who applies will be issued an application reference number.

Leave the Peel DSB student number blank.

Only after placements in the Programme will a Peel public number will be assigned.

What is an OEN?

The OEN (Ontario Education Number) is a provincial student number which is listed on report cards.

What is an IEP?

The IEP is an "Individual Education Plan".

Non-PDSB students with an IEP need to email a copy of the IEP with the student's name and application reference number to GlenforestIB@peelsb.com

How do I find out the status of my Application?

Student file status will be communicated by email.

How will I find out if I have been accepted into the Programme?

Student will be notified of their acceptance by email on the following dates:

- 1st round offers open: Dec. 3, 2020 after 3pm
- 2nd round offers open: Dec. 10, 2020 after 3pm
- 3rd round acceptances (waitlist) open: Dec. 17, 2020

When do I have to accept the offer of admission by?

- 1st round acceptances by: Dec. 9, 2020 @ 3pm
- 2nd round acceptances by: Dec. 16, 2020 @ 3pm
- 3rd round acceptances (waitlist): ASAP as communicated via email

APPLICATION FEES

What s the Application Processing Fee and how do I pay?

\$40 Non-Refundable Application Fee paid online during application process.

What are the IB Program Fees?

- Acceptance/Grade 9 MYP Fee = \$257.50
 - Grade 10 MYP Fee = \$257.50
 - Grade 11 and 12 DP Fee = \$2785 (4 payments of \$696.25)
- Program Fees are paid online via School Cash Online

MISCELLANEOUS

If I decide to come out of the IB Programme, can I still stay at Glenforest S.S.?

First, the student is to contact the IB Coordinator and the Glenforest SS Student Services department.

Students who do not continue in the IB Programme are expected to return to their home school as per the PDSB Regional Program Policy.

Is there a bus service available for IB students?

There is no longer an IB private bus service.

Students are to arrange their own way to school.

IB OFFICE AND CONTACTS

If I have any more questions, what is the best way to get in touch with the IB Coordinators?

Via email and we will do our best to get back to you within 72 hours.

Grades 9 & 10 - Middle Years Programme (MYP)

Ms. McLaren – Doneen.Mclaren@peelsb.com

Ms. Wang-Martin – Diana.WangMartin@peelsb.com

Grades 11 & 12 – Diploma Programme (DP)

Ms. Habib – Daphne.Habib@peelsb.com

What Social Media is used for IB at Glenforest?

Instagram: @GlenforestIB

Twitter - Glenforest IB: : @GlenforestIB

Twitter - Student Services: @GFSS_Guidance

Twitter – Glenforest S.S. @GlenforestSS