

## Application for the IB Diploma Program

Murrieta Valley High School

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

8<sup>th</sup> Grade School of attendance: \_\_\_\_\_ High School of attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

The general philosophy at MVHS is to make the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program available to all students who want to challenge themselves as students and to prepare themselves for college. Although there are no official entrance exams for the IB program, there are some strongly recommended entering conditions that students and parents should be aware of:

1. **Self-motivation:** the student must understand that entering into and sticking with the IB program, whether as a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior, requires his or her willingness to meet the rigorous challenge of these courses.
2. **Time-management:** the student and parents should consider the time commitment required to successfully complete all coursework and activities associated with the program and carefully decide which activities, both academic and extracurricular, the student can realistically accomplish throughout their four years of high school.
3. **Reading / Writing level:** the student should be able to read and write at or above grade level.
4. **Grades / Test Scores:** a 3.0 GPA or above is recommended, but the student should be performing at no less than a 'B' in the course prior to entering the IB coursework. Students should be at least "Proficient" on their California Standards Tests (CST). "Proficient" is considered at grade level. "Advanced" is considered above grade level.

Students and parents should consider the above guidelines when making the commitment to enter the IB Diploma Program.

Student applications will be screened by the IB Leadership Team. The IB Leadership Team will schedule an intake meeting with the student, and parents are encouraged to attend. Feedback will be given regarding the level of preparedness the student has demonstrated for entry into the program. Students must meet the pre-requisites for each IB course. Pre-requisites are published in the MVHS course catalog.

**Complete this form, attach your written response with this application and submit to: Alanna Fields, IB Coordinator, at MVHS.**

1. **Two Teacher Recommendation Forms** (one from math and one from English) are required. These are confidential and will be submitted by the teacher. Forms are available online or in the MVHS Counseling office.
2. Complete a **written response** to the following questions:
  - a. Why do you want to join the IB Diploma Program?
  - b. How do you envision the IB Diploma Program's impact on your future?
  - c. How are you prepared to meet the rigor and responsibilities of the IB Diploma Program?

*I plan to take the required courses, test in all six IB subject groups, and fulfill all other IB requirements – TOK, Extended Essay and CAS. I understand there is a fee for the exams.*

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

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