International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme Admissions Policy

Riverside Secondary School is a Candidate School for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP). Within its Diploma Programme, the school offers opportunities for students entering their eleventh grade year to become either Diploma Programme Candidates or Certificate Course Candidates. The admission policy to the Diploma Programme addresses both internal and external candidates. Internal candidates are students currently enrolled in the Riverside Preparatory Program; external candidates are students applying to enter the Riverside Secondary School IBDP who are not currently enrolled in the Riverside Preparatory Program.

The Riverside Secondary School IBDP Admissions, Language, Inclusion, Academic Honesty and Assessment Policies have been developed to provide clarity to all stakeholders with regard to the implementation and procedures of the Riverside Secondary School International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.

Internal Admission

Riverside Secondary School has developed its Preparatory Program to ensure that students are academically prepared to achieve success in the IBDP. It is recommended that students intending to enter the IBDP at Riverside Secondary School first complete this Preparatory Program.

External Admission

Students applying for admission to the Riverside Secondary School IBDP from outside the Preparatory Program must meet the following requirements:

- Complete the Riverside Preparatory Programme Application.
- Provide the most recent current year report card, as well as the previous year's final report card.
- Demonstrate successful completion of Ontario prerequisite courses for IBDP courses and Ontario connected courses.
- Successfully complete the Riverside Preparatory Programme interview process.

The Riverside Secondary School Principal, in consultation with the Diploma Programme Coordinator and Admissions Committee, will review applicant portfolios (report cards, applications, interview results). Applicant families will receive official notification of admission status upon completion of the application/interview process. The Diploma Programme Coordinator, in consultation with the Principal, reserves the right to admit students who do not meet the above criteria.

References:

International Baccalaureate Organization: Diploma Program from principles to practice. 2009
International Baccalaureate Organization: Handbook of procedures for the Diploma Programme 2015
School of the Nations International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme Admission Policy
International School of Bremen International Baccalaureate Programme Admission Policy
Springbrook High School International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme Admission Policy
Valparaiso High School International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme Admission Policy

Grade 9 and 10 Preparatory Program Admissions Policy

Riverside Secondary School is a Candidate School for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. The Riverside Secondary School International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) recognizes the importance of preparation for the challenge of IBDP courses. The school has therefore created the Riverside Preparatory Program to ensure that students are academically prepared to meet success in taking full advantage of the IBDP opportunity. The Preparatory Program offers an enrichment opportunity in Math, English, French, and Science courses for students entering their 9th and 10th grade years. Successful completion of the preparatory program will prepare students for a successful transition into the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.

Admission to the Preparatory Program

Students applying for admission to the Riverside Secondary School Preparatory Program must meet the following requirements:

- Complete the Riverside Preparatory Programme Application.
- Provide the most recent current year report card, as well as the previous year's final report card.
- Successfully complete the Riverside Preparatory Programme interview process.

The Riverside Secondary School Principal, in consultation with the Diploma Programme Coordinator and Admissions Committee, will review applicant portfolios (report cards, applications, interview results). Applicant families will receive official notification of admission status upon completion of the application/interview process. The Diploma Programme Coordinator, in consultation with the Principal, reserves the right to admit students who do not meet the above criteria.

Students who can expect to be successful in the Preparatory Program:

- Love learning.
- Possess a strong work ethic.
- Consistently meet the academic standard in their current studies (level 3 & 4).
- Balance academics, creativity, service to others, and physical activity.
- Value international mindedness.
- Demonstrate a willingness to develop the characteristics of the IB Profile.