



## What to Expect at Your Admission Interview

### Expectations and Guidelines for Students and Families

The Admission Interview is an essential part of the admission process at the Morristown Beard School and is weighted in our admission decision. This meeting is the Admission team's opportunity to learn about your student and your family's interest in Morristown Beard. Before the interview, we strongly encourage families to attend a tour, Information Session, or Open House to ensure a productive conversation. During the Admission Interview, we will ask about your student's academic trajectory, interests, and motivation, as well as your family's educational philosophy and goals.

To provide families with more flexibility, we offer both virtual Zoom interviews and in-person interviews. The structure and content of your interview will be the same regardless of the format, and as such we do not prefer one interview type over the other. Your interview will take one hour: approximately half of the time with your student and half of the time with the parent/guardian who attend the interview. At least one legal parent/guardian must be in attendance, though we prefer to meet all legal parents/guardians, as applicable.

#### Zoom Interview Practices and Procedures

- Families should sign into the Zoom meeting room 5 minutes prior to the start of the interview. Once the student interview begins, the parent/guardian should not be present.
- Once the student interview ends, we will direct the student to ask their parent/guardian to return. The student is free to leave the call at this time.
- Students and parents/guardians should be prepared with their own questions to ask their interviewer.

#### In-Person Interview Practices and Procedures

- Families should arrive 10-15 minutes prior to the start of the interview in order to park and check in with campus security. Parking directions will be provided beforehand.
- The parent/guardian will remain in our Reception Room while the student interview is taking place.
- Once completed, the student will return to our Reception Room while the parent/guardian interview is taking place. We recommend that students bring a book or activity for their wait.
- Students and parents/guardians should be prepared with their own questions to ask their interviewer.

Students should be prepared to answer questions or prompts similar, but not limited to, the following:

- Why do you think Morristown Beard School would be the right school for you?
- What do you like most about school right now?
- In what ways would you like to participate in our school community?
- What are some ways that you give back to your current community?
- Share something you're really proud of from last year.
- Share something you think you need to work on next year.

#### For families with multiple applicants:

If a family has two or more students applying for the same academic year, they should only schedule one interview. The entire family will attend the same interview date and time.

#### For families of current Morristown Beard students

As a current Morristown Beard family, the Admission team is happy to waive the parent/guardian portion of the interview process, as we already know your family. If the parent/guardian would like to speak to the interviewer, please let our team know.

If any sort of conflict arises and families can no longer attend the interview, please contact our office by email, [admissions@mbs.net](mailto:admissions@mbs.net), or by calling 973-532-7516. We look forward to getting to know your family!