



# MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL PREP SCHOOL



Below is a list of commonly asked questions at our virtual Informational Open Houses. Answers are listed after each numbered question.

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## Curriculum

1. What curriculum do you use?
  - a. We are regularly updating our curriculum page on our website [here](#).
  - b. We use a variety of providers of content so we can make the best determination about what may work best for your student.
2. What type of test prep support do you offer?
  - a. We have a variety of programs to support our learners at all levels. For additional support we offer:
    - i. Elementary and Middle School:
      1. IXL
    - ii. High School
      1. Prepworks - Practice and instruction for PSAT and SAT
      2. Khan Academy for additional instructional support
3. Are specific materials sent to families for supplies for courses?
  - a. This depends upon the program of study the student is in. There are ones that do have some supplies and workbooks provided. Others only need common household items.

## Dual Enrollment

4. How many college courses can a student take?
  - a. Until recently, students in non-early college schools were only allowed up to 10 college courses during their high school years. MIPS' school board has not revisited this change yet as we await further clarification of what it will mean for schools.
5. What colleges can students take dual enrollment courses through?
  - a. All colleges in the state of Michigan support this.
  - b. Students let our Director of Student Services know where they would like to attend and we arrange the logistics with that school.

## Educational Development Plan

6. What is an Educational Development Plan or EDP?
  - a. An EDP is a living document that identifies a learner's career goals and/or college plans as well as the plan of action to achieve them. It traditionally



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begins in grade 7. At MIPS, we start talking about the future in elementary school.

- b. The student's mentors work with them on this before any classes are selected. It becomes their roadmap each year and over their time with us.
- c. This [link](#) takes you to the state site referencing this.

## Enrollment

7. At what ages can you accept students?
  - a. For Kindergarten, if a student is 5 by December 1st, we can accept them into the school.
  - b. For students who may have dropped out of or are too old for traditional school, we can accept them as long as they are not 22 by September 1st.
8. When do you begin classes in the fall?
  - a. We begin the day after Labor Day and continue until August 30 for students that need the extra support over summer.
9. What holiday schedule does MIPS follow?
  - a. We follow the traditional holidays but with the added benefit that students can continue working over holidays if they choose. Their courses aren't "scheduled" for those times but they can use that time to their advantage.

## NCAA (College Athletics)

10. Are your programs NCAA approved?
  - a. We have two programs that have been approved by the NCAA for any students who are interested in pursuing that route.

## Special Education Services

11. Do you offer special education services?
  - a. We have a team of special education experts who work closely with families regarding IEPs or 504s to ensure accurate placement and enrollment.

## Supports from MIPS

12. Do you have someone to help guide me through the enrollment process?



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- a. Absolutely! We have two people who work with families in the enrollment process.
  - i. Krystal Moore is our assistant registrar. Her contact is [moore@miprepschool.org](mailto:moore@miprepschool.org) or by phone at 248-289-5521
  - ii. Katherine Caron is our Director of Student Services. Her contact is [caron@miprepschool.org](mailto:caron@miprepschool.org) or by phone at 810-348-2737
- 13. Do you provide computers for the students?
  - a. We help to make sure students have everything they will need to be successful in this program. Our technology coordinator reaches out to each family upon enrollment to identify technology needs that we can meet regarding computers, internet, etc.
- 14. What do the mentors do?
  - a. Our mentors are the front-line of support for your students.
  - b. They communicate weekly with your student to discuss things such as:
    - i. Educational Goals
    - ii. Progress in their courses
    - iii. Needs that arise
    - iv. Issues with curriculum, technology, etc.
    - v. Future plans
  - c. They are there to support your student every step of the way.
  - d. Some of our mentors are licensed teachers as well.
- 15. Do you have field trips for your students?
  - a. Yes! We are actively seeking information from our students and families about field trips and how we can best meet needs across the state.
    - i. Transportation to field trips is not provided at this time.
- 16. Do you have any extracurricular programs for students?
  - a. We are exploring partnerships with schools and others to allow for extracurricular opportunities for our students.
  - b. We are currently gauging interest in students for hosting clubs at our various drop-in learning labs.

## Testing

- 17. What type of testing do your students do?
  - a. All public school students in Michigan are required to participate in all state-mandated testing such as:



- i. M-Step
- ii. SAT
- iii. PSAT
- b. We also use NWEA as a means of assessing students initial academic achievement (at the beginning of the year) and for growth (at the end of the year).
- c. If a student, especially in grades K-3 is determined upon this initial NWEA assessment to be below grade level, then we work with them to do some additional testing to help us identify key areas that we can help them improve upon over the course of the year.

### **Unique aspects of MIPS**

18. What's the biggest difference between your school and other virtual programs?
- a. While we can't speak to every program, here are few key aspects to MIPS.
    - i. Drop-in learning labs
    - ii. Live Lessons weekly provided by the teachers
    - iii. Assigned teacher and mentor in the middle school and high school (elementary teacher is both teacher and mentor to create a closer connection)
    - iv. Sequential Learning option based upon their EDP
    - v. Use a variety of educational programs to help us meet the needs of a wide variety of students
    - vi. Tutoring by their teachers when students need support
19. Where are your learning labs and what could we expect at the learning labs?
- a. We have four sites currently based in:
    - i. Oak Park
    - ii. Sandusky
    - iii. Ortonville
    - iv. Howell
  - b. At the sites, we have teachers and computers available for students to work and receive assistance.
  - c. At some sites, elementary and middle/high school will be in separate wings.



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- d. If the specific teacher they need is not at that site, they can help them remote conference with that teacher wherever they are.

## General Questions

- 20. Is your school accredited?
  - a. We are in the process of accreditation throughout the 2018-2019 school year through AdvanceEd (Michigan's school accreditation system).
  - b. It is important to note that schools do NOT have to be accredited in Michigan. See this [link](#) to search for schools (both in the state and in the nation) that are accredited.
- 21. What is the day to day schedule for your students?
  - a. We don't have a set daily schedule or specific hours of attendance daily. We measure the progress of the student in completing their assigned courses, not a minimum number of hours per day.
  - b. While it is at a student's own pace, courses must be completed within a timeframe set upon selection of the courses. This will vary student by student depending upon their EDP.