



*“Educating Today’s Children for Tomorrow’s World”*



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## **Access/Admissions Policy**

### **Morikami Park Elementary Mission Statement**

Working together with Open and Inquiring minds to develop Responsible and Respectful citizens who are Lifelong learners Dedicated to success within a global society.

### **Vision Statement**

Morikami Park Elementary School is committed to excellence in “Educating Today’s Children for Tomorrow’s World.”

### **IB Mission Statement**

The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. To this end, the organization works with schools, governments, and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment. These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate, and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

### **Purpose**

The School Board of Palm Beach County is committed to providing quality educational opportunities for all students. It strives to provide an educational environment that enhances the student’s educational success. The School Board implemented magnet schools and Choice/Career Education programs as one way to ensure that quality educational opportunities were available to all students in diverse settings. The School Board continues to use Choice/Career Education schools and programs as a strategy to provide quality educational opportunities for students in diverse settings, to the extent financial resources are available for the programmatic aspects of these schools and programs and for the related transportation. These education opportunities will be compliant with federal and state law.

### **Eligibility**

Per [District Policy 5.016](#) any student residing in Palm Beach County can apply to a Choice IB Programme in the county. Students are required to submit an application to the Choice and Career Options Department to be checked for eligibility. If deemed eligible, applications will be run through a lottery system to determine which students will be given seats at the school. Students must meet all application deadlines as posted by the District’s Choice and Career Options Department.

-Elementary School Eligibility for IB: None

Morikami Park Elementary operates as a whole school program, all students accepted will automatically be placed in the IB program upon their enrollment. They are required to participate in the lottery system.

### **Roles and Responsibilities**

- ❖ **IB Coordinator:** The coordinator will ensure that students are eligible for the program per Board Policy 5.016. The coordinator will contact families if they are awarded a seat in the lottery. The coordinator will post the policy publicly for all stakeholders.
- ❖ **Students:** Students must adhere to all IB policies that the school has in place, in addition to the Choice Contract they are required when they accept their seat to the program.
- ❖ **Parents:** Parents will read and understand Board Policy 5.106 and the IB policies that the school has in place.

### **Evaluation of Policy**

The IB faculty and administration remain deeply committed to ensuring the success of the admission policy. Toward this end, the faculty and administration will review the policy regularly with an eye toward improvement. The policy will be reviewed annually by the school leadership team. The policy was last reviewed on August 2023. The Board policy 5.106 is reviewed by the Choice Department and School Board members every 5 years.

### **Policy Distribution**

School website: <https://www.palmbeachschools.org/MorikamiParkElementary>

### **Enrollment Committee**

Stephanie Coletto- Head of School

Amy Mercier- IB Coordinator

Jackie Breslin- School Advisory Chairperson

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