

2019-2020 Troy Tech/International Baccalaureate Programs

Applicant Instructions for Current Eighth Grade Students

The information that follows will help current eighth grade students complete the admission process for the Troy Tech Magnet Program and/or the International Baccalaureate Program.

Three circumstances in particular define the number of students that Troy may accept each year:

1. the physical size of the school itself,
2. the number of students coming from Troy's feeder junior high school and from the district at large through its open enrollment process, and
3. the scholastic and career interests, academic levels, and abilities of the students.

Because Troy Tech is a four-year program that begins with classes in the ninth grade, only current eighth grade students are eligible for testing.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATION PROCESS

To meet the selection criteria of the TT/IB/Honors Program(s) at Troy High School, students should do the following:



Register for the Specialized Programs Test:

- Apply online at www.troyhigh.com on or after December 1, 2019, but at least by the Wednesday before your chosen test date.
- Print out a receipt page of registration.
- If you cannot apply online or you want to switch test dates, you may apply in person at Troy on the day that you would like to test.



Submit a copy of your eighth grade schedule or report card listing the name of your current math course:

- When registering online, a copy can be uploaded when you apply.
- When registering in person on the test date, bring a copy to the testing of your eighth grade schedule or report card listing the name of your current math course.



Take the Specialized Programs Test:

- Come to the Troy High School North Gymnasium **with at least one parent** at 7:15 a.m. on January 11, 18, or 25, 2020 for testing from 7:30 – 11:45 a.m. to take the Specialized Programs Test.
 - Bring only: a photo identification (passport or school id) and a snack (optional - snacks will also be sold at school)
 - Do NOT bring:
Backpacks, books, calculators, pencils, white out and other personal items
 - You may test in only one examination session. **There will be no make-up tests.**
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TEST CONTENT

The format of the multiple-choice test is similar to that of the SAT I Math and Critical Reasoning exam; you will also be required to write a multi-paragraph essay.

English Testing: writing and reading comprehension. For the writing portion, the student will write an essay based on a grade-level-appropriate text.

Math Testing: general problem solving, reasoning, and numeric skills. A second math test will place you into the appropriate level of study: college preparatory or honors. You will be given the test for your current level of study in math. It is a mid-year exam, not a final in the subject.

NOTIFICATION OF QUALIFICATION STATUS FOR TROY'S SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

You will be notified of your qualification for the Troy Tech Program in March 2020 to the email address(es) that you provide on the application. Eligibility will not be determined earlier and will not be given over the phone.

A student's simultaneous enrollment in Troy and other high schools will disqualify him or her from Troy's 2020/2021 cohort. If an acceptance offer has been extended, it will be rescinded, and the student's place will be forfeited.

INTERDISTRICT AND INTRADISTRICT TRANSFER PERMITS

The procedures for obtaining an interdistrict or intradistrict permit will be discussed during the registration session mid-March. You do not need to call your home school district office to obtain an attendance permit before you receive your qualification letter.

TROY TECH PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Troy Tech is a 4-year science, technology, engineering and math magnet program unique to Troy High School. It requires students to select an extra elective from the Troy Tech Pathways each semester and culminates in a Senior Internship. For families outside the FJUHSD, the Troy Tech Program is the basis for their acceptance and transfer to Troy High School.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAURATE PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program is a 2-year program that takes place in eleventh and twelfth grade. However, to be successful and prepared for this rigorous program, students should succeed in honors coursework during ninth and tenth grade. In spring of their sophomore year, qualified students and their families are invited to learn more about the program requirements. If they commit to the IB Diploma Program, they will complete a 4000-word Extended Essay, 150 hours of Creativity, Action and Service over the 2-year program, and receive internal and external assessments in six subject areas. Many students select to complete a partial IB Program where they test in a few of the six IB subject areas—the areas where they are succeeding in honors coursework. There are fees for the exams including a registration fee.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

School Address: Troy Tech/International Baccalaureate Office
Troy High School
2200 E. Dorothy Lane
Fullerton, CA 92831

Phone Number: (714) 626-4425

General Website: www.troyhigh.com

Applicant Page: applicants.troyhigh.com

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Please note that many of your questions will be answered at Information Events. Troy Tech and International Baccalaureate staff members will be there to assist you.

1. Who needs to take the Specialized Programs Testing?

Any eighth grade student considering Honors, Troy Tech or International Baccalaureate at Troy. We welcome students within Troy's attendance area, within the Fullerton Joint Union High School District (FJUHSD) as well as residents outside of FJUHSD. For residents outside FJUHSD, the basis for attendance at Troy must be the Troy Tech Program; families will be given information regarding obtaining an inter-district permit.

2. For the Specialized Programs Testing, what will my student be tested on?

The test includes mid-year eighth grade content in English and math. The test is multiple choice questions and an English essay; the student will write an essay based on a grade-level-appropriate text.

3. For the Specialized Programs Testing, how should my student prepare?

The best preparation for the entrance exam is successful progress in a challenging academic course of study in junior high or middle school.

4. Should my student attend a Troy Tech preparation program in the area?

Troy High School does not authorize or endorse self-proclaimed Troy High School preparation programs claiming to have access to Troy's tests or testing process. Troy does not release current or past tests.

5. Should parents attend the testing session with their child?

A parent or legal guardian should arrive with the child to sign appropriate paperwork. Parents should also plan to pick up their student promptly at 11:45 a.m.

6. When will the students receive notification of their qualification for the programs at Troy?

Qualification letters will be emailed by March 1, 2020.

7. If my student does not get accepted based on the Specialized Programs Entrance Exam, will you consider accepting him or her based on other test scores?

No. Inasmuch as the qualifying exam is developed, administered, and evaluated by Troy staff, the results do not correspond to those of other standardized exams, which are meant to predict a student's potential for success in a liberal arts or comprehensive high school program, not an accelerated program emphasizing math, science, and technology. Whereas students will be notified of their qualification for the programs, they will not be given their test scores.

8. What is Open Enrollment and will that automatically place my student in Specialized Programs?

Open enrollment is detailed on the FJUHSD website and is the process whereby residents of FJUHSD can select a high school for their student to attend among the 6 district high schools; paperwork is initiated at your home high school during the first three weeks of school in January. This process is simply a basis for school selection and does not affect placement in Specialized Programs. Students must take the Specialized Programs testing to be considered for these programs.

9. Are Troy's counselors available to meet with prospective students and their families?

Troy's counselors have scheduled appointments with Troy's current students. Prospective students are invited to visit the website, which is comprehensive in nature; your questions should be answered there.

10. How long is the school day for students in Troy's specialized programs?

Most students select a rigorous curriculum which is a 7-period day beginning at 7:00 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m.