



The Boerum Hill School for International Studies  
An IB World School

## **FAQ, 2017-2018**

Q: Will all children receive IB and French, regardless of which program (K497S and K497M) they applied through?

A: *ALL students receive IB and French. Students of both admissions programs are mixed heterogeneously in classes (except during Language Acquisition (French)). During French, students are placed homogeneously, based on language proficiency. The levels are beginner, intermediate, and advanced.*

Q: Does my child have to be fluent in French to apply to the Dual Language Program (K497M)?

A: *No. We accept students of all levels. An internal assessment is done prior to student ranking by the school. The assessment includes an oral and written component. This will take place mid/late January.*

Q: I opted my child out of the NYS ELA and Math Exams. What happens?

A: *Each exam is worth a total of 15-20 points. Under the K497M program, each exam is worth 15/100, while under the K497S Program, each exam is worth 20/100. Grades on 7<sup>th</sup> grade June report card for English and Math classes will respectively offset the ELA and MATH state tests.*

**The [attached rubric](#) will enable you to determine your child's admissions score.**

Q: Do you have a captive lunch?

A: *All students, with parent consent, may go off campus for lunch. Many students choose to stay in the cafeteria. Students must sign out and leave through the main entrance and return no later than 5 minutes before the period ends (through the same entrance). Any violation of this privilege (arriving late, exiting through another door, behavior misconduct, academic failures, etc.) will result in a revocation of Off-Campus Lunch.*

Q: Does IB satisfy Common Core Requirements.

A: *Yes. IB is academically rigorous and fulfills all common core and DOE requirements (credit and regents requirements). Click here for more information on [IB and Common Core](#).*

Q: I am still uncertain about what IB is and what MYP and DP mean? How do I learn more about the IB?

A: *For a deeper understanding of IB, click one of the following links: [What is an IB education?](#), [FAQ on MYP](#), [FAQ on DP](#).*

Q: Does my child have continuing priority into the high school as an 8<sup>th</sup> grader?

A: *Yes. In 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade schools, 8<sup>th</sup> graders have continuing priority. 8<sup>th</sup> graders choosing to stay must list Boerum Hill School on their HS Application. Similarly, like all other middle schools, our 8<sup>th</sup> grade counselor provides all our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students with an application to thoroughly explore the high school application process. We encourage our families to thoroughly research different high school programs to make a more informed decision.*

Q: What time does school begin and end?

A: *The school day begins at 8:15 and ends at 2:35pm. Currently, the French Immersion Program runs from 2:35pm-4:00pm. Our afterschool program ends at 5:35pm. Click here for our [afterschool schedule](#).*

Q: How many 6<sup>th</sup> graders will you be accepting?

A: *We will accept a total of 140 students (70 through each program: K97S and K497M). Students that attend a non-District 15 student may only apply through the K497M. District 15 families may apply through either (or to both) programs.*

Q: Do you have ICT and/or self-contained classes?

A: *We currently offer ICT classes but no self-contained classes. Our ancillary staff includes two middle school counselors, two high school counselors, one college counselor, two social workers, two speech therapists, and a school psychologist.*