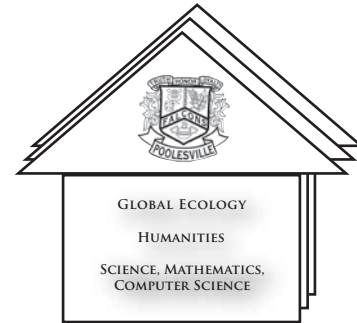
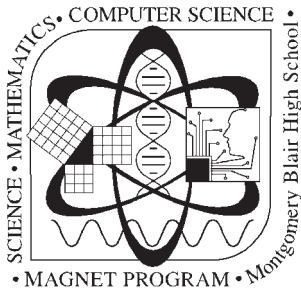




# High School Application Programs for School Year 2018–2019

## Application Packet for Current Grade 8 Students



### **Montgomery Blair High School**

51 University Boulevard, East  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20901  
301-649-8240

SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS,  
COMPUTER SCIENCE MAGNET PROGRAM

### **Richard Montgomery High School**

250 Richard Montgomery Drive  
Rockville, Maryland 20852  
301-610-8100

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE  
MAGNET PROGRAM

### **Poolesville High School**

17501 West Willard Road  
240-740-2419

A WHOLE SCHOOL MAGNET  
Global Ecology House • Humanities House •  
Science, Mathematics, Computer Science House

Application deadline: November 3, 2017  
Delivered to high school program by 3:00 p.m.  
or postmarked by November 3, 2017

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## Overview

### MONTGOMERY BLAIR

#### Program Description:

Eligibility: Grade 8 students enrolled in Algebra 1 or higher.

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In Grades 9 and 10, the program offers students a sequence of courses at an accelerated pace where topics and concepts are approached in an interdisciplinary manner. Emphasis is placed on research skills and the application of science, mathematics, and computer science to real world problems. During Grades 11 and 12, students have unique opportunities for in-depth studies through semester courses, internships, and guided research projects.

*\* To apply to the Blair Magnet Program, applicants must reside in one of the following high school clusters: Bethesda-Chevy Chase (B-CC), Churchill, the Downcounty Consortium (DCC), the Northeast Consortium (NEC), Walter Johnson, Richard Montgomery, Rockville, Sherwood, Whitman, or Wootton.*

#### Parent/Student Information Meeting

October 9, 2017, 7 p.m.

Montgomery Blair High School

### RICHARD MONTGOMERY

#### Program Description:

Eligibility: Grade 8 students enrolled in Algebra 1 or higher; in level one or higher of French, Chinese, or Spanish (or bilingual in one of these languages); in two or more gifted and talented or advanced-level courses.

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Magnet program at Richard Montgomery High School features an interdisciplinary liberal arts education in world languages, science, mathematics, English, and social studies. It adheres to worldwide standards and affords the students selected for the program the opportunity to engage in a rigorous course of studies leading to a diploma recognized by universities throughout the world.

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*\*To apply to the IB Magnet program, applicants may reside in any MCPS high school cluster.*

#### Parent/Student Information Meeting

October 24, 2017, 7 p.m.

Richard Montgomery High School

### POOLESVILLE

#### Program Description:

Eligibility: Grade 8 students enrolled in Algebra 1 or higher.

Poolesville High School has the first whole school magnet in a Montgomery County high school. The whole school magnet model engages and challenges students selected through an application process, as well as local school students interested in the magnet focus areas.

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*\*To apply to the Science, Mathematics, Computer Science House and/or the Humanities House, applicants must reside in one of the following high school clusters: Clarksburg, Damascus, Gaithersburg, Magruder, Northwest, Poolesville, Quince Orchard, Seneca Valley, or Watkins Mill.*

*\*To apply to the Global Ecology House, applicants may reside in any MCPS high school cluster.*

#### Parent/Student Information Meeting

October 2, 2017: 2 Sessions

Poolesville High School

Please try to attend the session corresponding to the first letter of your last name.

**5 p.m.: A–M 7 p.m.: N–Z**

*\*All eligible students who have an established bona fide residence in Montgomery County may apply. Bona fide residence is one's principal residence, maintained in good faith, and does not include a residence established for convenience or for the purpose of free school attendance in MCPS. Residency must be established by the application deadline.*

This application packet is also available at  
[www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/).

Separate applications must be submitted to each  
high school magnet program.

Due to the volume of applications and preparation for test  
administration, LATE applications WILL NOT be accepted.

## Parent/Student and Teacher Information Meetings

Students, their parents, and teachers who are interested in learning more about the programs are invited to attend the following evening meetings.

### MONTGOMERY BLAIR HS

#### Program Date

October 9, 2017

#### Program Time

7:00–8:30 p.m.

#### Location

Montgomery Blair High School  
51 University Boulevard, East  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20901

### RICHARD MONTGOMERY HS

#### Program Date

October 24, 2017

#### Program Time

7:00–8:30 p.m.

#### Location

Richard Montgomery High School  
250 Richard Montgomery Drive  
Rockville, Maryland 20852

### POOLESVILLE HS

#### Program Date

October 2, 2017

#### Program Time

5:00–6:30 p.m. **A–M**  
7:00–8:30 p.m. **N–Z**

#### Location

Poolesville High School  
17501 West Willard Road  
Poolesville, Maryland 20837

*Please try to attend the session corresponding to the first letter of your last name.*

## Application Procedures

- All applicants must complete sections I, II, III, and IV. Applicants to multiple programs may copy these sections for each individual application.
  - Applicants to the Montgomery Blair Magnet Program or to the Poolesville Science, Mathematics, Computer Science House must complete sections I, II, III, IV, and V-A.
  - Applicants to the Richard Montgomery IB Program must complete sections I, II, III, IV, and V-B.
  - Applicants to the Humanities House at Poolesville must complete sections I, II, III, IV, and V-C.
  - Applicants to the Global Ecology House at Poolesville must complete sections I, II, III, IV, and V-D.
- A one-time fee of \$35 must be submitted with the application. Only **one** payment is required regardless of the number of programs to which a student applies.
  - Pay online at** <http://osp.osmsinc.com/MontgomeryMD/>. Use the “Special Programs—Magnet High School Program” link. A service charge will be added to the application fee. Include copy of receipt with application. **Non-MCPS students may not pay online.**  
**OR**
  - Pay by check:
    - Please write your child's name and student ID on the memo line of your check.**
    - If you are applying to Richard Montgomery (even if you are applying to other high school magnets as well), submit \$35 only to Richard Montgomery. Make check payable to Richard Montgomery High School.
    - If you are applying only to Montgomery Blair, submit \$35 to Montgomery Blair. Make check payable to Montgomery Blair High School.
    - If you are applying only to Poolesville, submit \$35 to Poolesville. Make check payable to Poolesville High School.
- If the \$35 is a financial hardship for the applicant, a letter to that effect must be submitted with the application.
- Include a copy of the online payment receipt or a photocopy of the check with each application.

## Student and Parent/Guardian Checklist

1. After completing the application packet, keep the first four pages of the application packet for information about deadlines and testing on **December 2, 2017**.
2. If applying to more than one program, be sure to check off all programs to which the student is applying on each application.
3. Obtain a test preparation booklet at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/).
4. Parent/guardian: Did you sign the application(s)? Applications cannot be processed without a parent/guardian signature.
5. Include with each application:
  - a. Online payment or a check for \$35. See **Applications Procedures, No. 2.**, above. Only **one** payment is required, regardless of the number of applications submitted. Include a copy of the online payment receipt or a photocopy of the check with each application that does not include an actual check.
  - b. A separate application for each school. (Essays are required for each program at Poolesville, but only **one application** should be submitted for all three programs at Poolesville.)
  - c. A self-addressed stamped postcard to verify that the application was received by the high school program. Verification will be sent only if a postcard is included.
  - d. A copy of the applicant's Individualized Education Program (IEP), Section 504 Plan, or English Language Learner (ELL) Plan including testing accommodations, if the student currently receives services. (The program coordinator will contact you to arrange testing accommodations.)
  - e. A copy of the applicant's final Grade 7 report card.
  - f. **Private School Students:** Submit standardized test scores (e.g., SSAT, SAT, PSAT) received in last two years, if available.
6. Applications must be postmarked or delivered to the program(s) by **November 3, 2017**, by 3:00 p.m.
7. Mark your calendar for the test date: **December 2, 2017**. **You will receive no additional notification of this test date.** (Testing for students with testing accommodations: December 3, 2017—You will be contacted by the program coordinator for arrangements.)
8. Deliver the Directions for Teacher Recommendations forms to the applicant's current Grade 8 teachers by **November 3, 2017**. The teachers are responsible for submitting recommendations by **December 8, 2017**.

## Application Mailing Addresses

### Science, Mathematics, Computer Science Magnet Program

Montgomery Blair HS  
51 University Boulevard, East  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20901

Attention: Magnet Coordinator

### International Baccalaureate Magnet Program

Richard Montgomery HS  
250 Richard Montgomery Drive  
Rockville, Maryland 20852

Attention: Magnet Coordinator

### Whole School Magnet Programs

Poolesville HS  
17501 West Willard Road  
Poolesville, Maryland 20837

Attention: Magnet Coordinator

**All applications must be postmarked by November 3, 2017, or delivered to the main office of the appropriate school by 3 p.m. Faxes or electronic applications will NOT be accepted by any program.**

## Self-Addressed Application Receipt

To receive confirmation of the receipt of student application(s), a stamped, self-addressed postcard must be enclosed with each application. Otherwise, you will not receive notification that your application has been received.

## Report Cards

Applicants must submit a copy of their final Grade 7 report card with each application.

## Recommendation Forms

Distribute the Directions for Teacher Recommendation forms to the applicant's current teachers by **November 3, 2017**. The teachers are responsible for submitting recommendation forms to the correct high school program(s) by **December 8, 2017**. Regardless of the number of applications being submitted, only one recommendation request per subject is necessary.

### Montgomery Blair Magnet Program

(3 forms):

- Science Teacher
- Math Teacher
- English Teacher

### Richard Montgomery IB Program

(5 forms):

- Science Teacher
- Math Teacher
- English Teacher
- World Studies Teacher
- World Languages Teacher

### Poolesville Magnet Programs

(4 forms):

- Science Teacher
- Math Teacher
- English Teacher
- World Studies Teacher

## Selection and Notification

Admission to each of the magnet programs is very competitive. Highly motivated gifted and talented students are encouraged to apply. Multiple criteria are used to evaluate candidates, including teacher recommendations, written statements from candidates, previous grades and course work, test scores, and cocurricular interests and achievements. Notification of selection decisions will be made by mail to all applicant's homes in early February.

## Test Preparation

Applicants will be tested on **December 2, 2017, 8–11 a.m.** Please reserve that date. The same test is administered for the Montgomery Blair Magnet Program, the Richard Montgomery IB Program, and the Poolesville Magnet Programs. A test preparation booklet is available online at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/) or at any MCPS middle school.

## Important Testing Information

Your application is indication you will attend the test. You will **not** be contacted for further confirmation.

1. Applicants must report to the designated high school between **7:45–8:00 a.m. on December 2, 2017**. Read "Testing Site Information" on page 4 to determine your designated testing site. Testing should be completed around 11:00 a.m. Since there is no waiting area, parents should plan to pick up students from the school at 11:00 a.m.
2. Specialized admissions tests were developed for the Montgomery Blair Magnet Program, the Richard Montgomery IB Program, and the Poolesville Magnet Programs to assess knowledge and skills that are needed for success in a high school program designed for exceptionally high achieving students. They measure reasoning ability, critical thinking, and knowledge and skills students have learned over the years. A test preparation booklet is available online at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/) or at any MCPS middle school.

The following advice is offered to students:

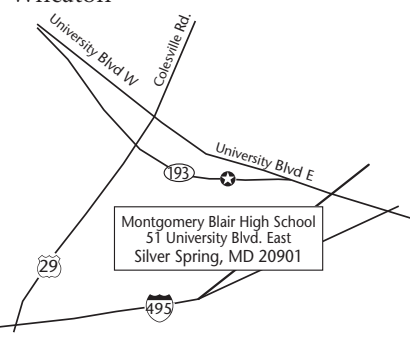
- Keeping up with your schoolwork throughout the year is the best possible preparation for these tests.
  - Cramming is usually not very effective and will do little to improve scores.
  - Be certain to rest well the night before the test and eat a good breakfast on the day of the test.
  - Plan to arrive by the designated time.
  - Bring several sharpened number 2 pencils and student ID number if you are an MCPS student.
  - You will NOT be permitted to use calculators and calculator watches during testing.
  - Test scores are based on the number of correct answers marked on the answer sheet. There is no penalty for a wrong answer. Therefore, omitting a question will not give you an advantage, and wrong answers will not be deducted from your correct answers.
3. At the time of testing, students are asked to sign a statement indicating they feel well enough to complete the testing session. **If a student is ill on the day of testing, the parent should not bring him or her to the testing site. Instead, the parent should call the program coordinator on the next school day to reschedule.**

## Testing Site Information

The following directions apply to all applicants to the Science, Mathematics, Computer Science Program at Montgomery Blair High School, the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program at Richard Montgomery High School, and the Whole School Magnet Programs at Poolesville High School.

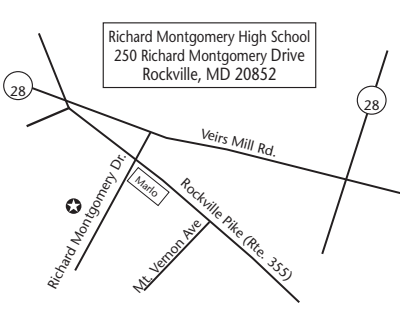
1. Students are assigned to a testing site based on their **home** high school. The same tests will be administered at all sites and results given to the appropriate program coordinator(s). Students who currently attend middle school magnet programs at Roberto Clemente, Eastern, or Takoma Park middle schools, a middle school other than their assigned middle school, or a private school may visit [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org) to locate their home high school cluster and identify the testing site. If applicant unable to get to their assigned testing site location on December 2, they should call the magnet program to which they're applying to arrange to take the test at another location. (Poolesville HS: 240-740-2419; Richard Montgomery HS: 301-610-8100; Blair HS: 301-649-8240)
2. All applicants must report to their assigned testing site on **Saturday, December 2, 2017, between 7:45-8:00 a.m. (Snow Date: December 9, 2017)**. No contact will be made to confirm this testing date. (Students who are unable to test on Saturday because of religious reasons will be able to test on Sunday, December 3, 2017 at Richard Montgomery High School. Written requests for the alternate test date must be submitted to the program coordinator with the application. A telephone contact from the coordinator will confirm testing on this alternate date.) If applicant unable to get to their assigned testing site location on December 2, they should call the magnet program to which they're applying to arrange to take the test at another location. *Use the following list to determine your assigned testing site:*

Test at **MONTGOMERY BLAIR HS** if your home high school is:  
Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Montgomery Blair, James Hubert Blake, Albert Einstein, John F. Kennedy, Northwood, Paint Branch, Sherwood, Springbrook, Wheaton



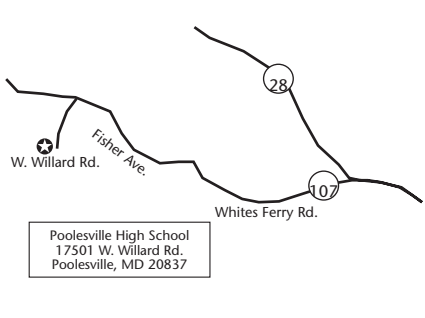
Montgomery Blair High School  
51 University Blvd. East  
Silver Spring, MD 20901

Test at **RICHARD MONTGOMERY HS** if your home high school is:  
Winston Churchill, Gaithersburg, Walter Johnson, Col. Zadok Magruder, Richard Montgomery, Rockville, Thomas S. Wootton, Walt Whitman



Richard Montgomery High School  
250 Richard Montgomery Drive  
Rockville, MD 20852

Test at **POOLESVILLE HS** if your home high school is:  
Clarksburg, Damascus, Northwest, Poolesville, Quince Orchard, Seneca Valley, Watkins Mill



Poolesville High School  
17501 W. Willard Rd.  
Poolesville, MD 20837

## Testing Accommodations

If the applicant requires testing accommodations, a copy of the Individualized Education Program (IEP), Section 504 Plan, or English Language Learner (ELL) Plan that specifies the accommodations **MUST be submitted with the application**. The program coordinator will contact the applicant or parent/guardian to discuss accommodations and times. **Special needs testing: Sunday, December 3, 2017, 8:00–11:00 a.m., at Richard Montgomery High School (Snow date: December 10, 2017).**



# Application for Admission to Grade 9 High School Magnet Program for 2018–2019

**If a student is applying to one or more programs, individual applications must be submitted. Only paper copies will be accepted. Electronic applications will NOT be accepted by any program.**

**Check off all programs to which the applicant is applying.**

**MONTGOMERY BLAIR HS**

Science, Mathematics,  
Computer Science

Montgomery Blair High School  
51 University Boulevard, East  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20901  
301-649-8240

**RICHARD MONTGOMERY HS**

International Baccalaureate

Richard Montgomery High School  
250 Richard Montgomery Drive  
Rockville, Maryland 20852  
301-610-8100

**POOLESVILLE HS**

*(only one application per student)*

Global Ecology     Humanities  
 Science, Mathematics, Computer Science

Poolesville High School  
17501 West Willard Road  
Poolesville, Maryland 20837  
240-740-2419

**Section I.** To be completed by parent/guardian, mailed to the appropriate magnet coordinator, and postmarked by **November 3, 2017**, or hand-delivered by 3 p.m.

Applicant's full legal name \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI (on report card, if MCPS)

Home address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Apt. #

\_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

Is there currently a sibling in a HS magnet program?  No  Yes, Name of Program \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's date of birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

Parent/legal guardian(s) with whom student lives: Last, First
Relationship to student: <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
Home phone
Work phone
Cell phone
E-mail

Parent/legal guardian(s) with whom student lives: Last, First
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Home phone
Work phone
Cell phone
E-mail

If there is another parent/guardian whom we need to legally notify, please indicate his or her name, address, and phone number:

Parent/guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to student:  Mother  Father  Guardian  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Street address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Telephone

Current middle school \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home middle school \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home high school \_\_\_\_\_  
 Current math course \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher Recommendations:** Please provide the names of the teachers to whom you have given recommendation request forms. These must be the applicant's Grade 8 teachers. Please see page 3 in application procedures for each program's requirements.

	Teacher Name	Course Name
Science		
Math		
English		
World Studies		
World Languages		







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# Request for Teacher Recommendations

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT:** Give this form to the appropriate teacher by **November 3, 2017**. (Please print in ink.)

Dear Teacher \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ Middle School.

\_\_\_\_\_ (student name) \_\_\_\_\_ (student ID#)

in \_\_\_\_\_ (current science class) has applied to one or more of the following programs:

## MONTGOMERY BLAIR HS

Science, Mathematics, Computer Science

## RICHARD MONTGOMERY HS

International Baccalaureate

## POOLESVILLE HS

Global Ecology House

Humanities House

Science, Mathematics, Computer Science House

## TO BE COMPLETED BY THE TEACHER

**MCPS TEACHER.** Complete the teacher recommendation form for this student by accessing <http://bit.ly/mcpsteacherrec> using Google Chrome browser by **December 8, 2017**. Call 240-740-2554 for assistance.

**NON-MCPS TEACHER.** Complete the form located on the MCPS website <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/admissions/applications.aspx/>. Once you have completed your recommendations, **print two copies** and submit one signed hard copy to the appropriate school. Please make certain you keep the second copy for your records. If you have questions, please call 301-592-2054 for assistance.

## MONTGOMERY BLAIR HS

51 University Boulevard, East  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20901  
Attention: Magnet Coordinator

## RICHARD MONTGOMERY HS

250 Richard Montgomery Drive  
Rockville, Maryland 20852  
Attention: Magnet Coordinator

## POOLESVILLE HS

17501 West Willard Road  
Poolesville, Maryland 20837  
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**PLEASE SUBMIT TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 8, 2017**

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**RICHARD MONTGOMERY HS**

International Baccalaureate

**POOLESVILLE HS**

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250 Richard Montgomery Drive  
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17501 West Willard Road  
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Dear Teacher \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ Middle School.

\_\_\_\_\_ (student name) \_\_\_\_\_ (student ID#)

in \_\_\_\_\_ (current English class) has applied to one or more of the following programs:

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Science, Mathematics, Computer Science

## RICHARD MONTGOMERY HS

International Baccalaureate

## POOLESVILLE HS

Global Ecology House

Humanities House

Science, Mathematics, Computer Science House

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Silver Spring, Maryland 20901

Attention: Magnet Coordinator

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Advanced and highly able students will be interested in this unique magnet program that offers accelerated and differentiated course work for students starting in Grade 9 in August in an extended day program. Grade 8 students must apply for admission to this program.

For students in Grades 9 and 10, the program offers a sequence of courses at an accelerated pace where topics and concepts are approached in an interdisciplinary manner. Emphasis is placed on research skills and the application of science, mathematics, and computer science to real world problems. During Grades 11 and 12, students have unique opportunities for in-depth studies through semester courses, internships, and guided research projects.

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### POOLESVILLE

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\_\_\_\_\_ (student name) \_\_\_\_\_ (student ID#)

in \_\_\_\_\_ (current world studies class) has applied to one or more of the following programs:

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No world studies teacher recommendation is required for this program

## RICHARD MONTGOMERY HS

International Baccalaureate

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