**Student Application**

Pre-IB International Baccalaureate Program

Thomas J. Corcoran High School

919 Glenwood Avenue

Syracuse, NY 13207

(315) 435-4321

# ***Corcoran High School is an International Baccalaureate School.***

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Student’s Legal Last Name Legal First Name Middle Name

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Student’s Residence- Street Address City State Zip Code

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Date of Birth Gender (male or female) Home Phone Number

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Mother’s / Guardian’s Name Mother’s Work Phone Number email address

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Student’s First Language

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Extracurricular Interests and Community Involvement

Ethnic Designation:

* African American/ Black

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Application #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date Received|: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* American Indian/ Alaskan Native
* White
* Hispanic
* Asian/ Pacific Islander

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Please note that this application is for highly motivated, academically talented students who want to apply to the Pre-International Baccalaureate Program at Thomas J. Corcoran High School.

**Instructions for the Student Completing this Application:**

\_\_\_ 1. ***Check to be sure that you have all parts of the application.***

 This packet should contain:

* + The Counselor Checklist/Recommendation
	+ The Student Application
	+ Two Teacher Recommendation Forms

\_\_\_ 2. ***Fill in your part of the Counselor Checklist and give it to your counselor.***

\_\_\_ 3. ***Write your name and the name of your counselor on the Teacher Recommendation form.*** Give the Teacher Recommendation form to your Math or English teacher. ***Your teacher should return those forms directly to you school counselor.***

\_\_\_ 4. ***Complete the Student Application and return it to your counselor.*** You may want to make a copy of the application before you begin to complete it. You can use the copy as a rough draft.

\_\_\_ 5. ***Complete all of your tasks as soon as possible.*** Do not wait until the last minute, especially since several of your teachers will need to complete materials for you. You do not need to return this page.

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#### Admissions Process

Each student who wishes to attend the Pre International Baccalaureate Program must submit a completed application. The deadline for submitting this application to your counselor is **April 1, 2014**

Teachers and administrators at long established International Baccalaureate Schools indicate that student motivation is the most valuable characteristic of on International Baccalaureate student. Historically, highly motivated students with standardized test scores in the 85th percentile or above and a **GPA of 85%** or better have the greatest chance of success in a program such as this.

Selection Process

Eighth grade students who submit applications will be evaluated and accepted into the two year Pre-IB Program based upon the following criteria:

* Teacher recommendations from 8th grade counselor, English, or Mathematics teacher,
* Successful completion of advanced or accelerated courses,
* excellent attendance and exemplary conduct throughout middle school,
* standardized test scores,
* seventh and eight grade report cards, and
* response to the essay questions in this application.

After completion of 10th grade, all students in the Pre-IB Program will receive a letter apprising them of their current GPA. At that time, you will be apprised of your status in the IB Program.

**Please limit your responses to the space provided for each of these questions.**

Why do you want to attend the Pre-IB Program at Thomas J. Corcoran High School?

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What personal qualities do you possess which will enable you to be successful in a rigorous academic program such as the Pre-International Baccalaureate Program?

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What other information about you should we know as we consider your application?

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**ADMISSIONS AGREEMENT**

The International Baccalaureate (IB) is a comprehensive program with a rigorous curriculum designed for the academically motivated student who has the potential to earn the International Baccalaureate Diploma. Corcoran High School is an International Baccalaureate school. For a student to be prepared to sit successfully for the IB’s extremely validated examinations, it is imperative that he/she be a consistent, dedicated learner. Therefore, Corcoran High School requires the following commitments.

I agree to the following terms and conditions for participating in each Pre-IB class in which I am enrolled.

I will:

1. Follow the rules of Corcoran High School as outlined in the Student Handbook.
2. Actively participate in class daily by being prepared, listening attentively, offering relevant comments, posing insightful questions, and taking notes. In short, I agree to meet the expectations set forth for each class.
3. Work seriously to improve my writing skills: pre-writing, editing, rewriting, and asking for assistance outside the class period.
4. Schedule medical appointments outside the school day when possible and trips for recreation during school holidays.
5. Submit quality work in a timely fashion.
6. Maintain at least an 85% grade point average and abide by the Academic Review Process.
7. Manifest the highest degree of academic integrity. Direct or indirect cheating will be grounds for immediate removal from the program.
8. Remain in the program unless released by recommendation of the Coordinator and staff.
Continuance in the program will be determined by student progress, attitude, and motivation.

I understand that if I do not meet the standards of the Pre-IB Program, either because of the quality of my work, or because of a lack of dedication to mastering the subject matter, I may be asked to withdraw from the program to enroll in a course of studies which better meets my level of performance.

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Student Signature Date

I hereby grant permission and consent for my son/daughter to enroll in the Pre-IB Program at Corcoran High School. I also agree that if my child is accepted in this program, I will support all of the terms of this agreement. I will support my child’s academic growth and encourage development of independent study skills.

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Parent/Guardian Signature Date

We are committed to processing these applications quickly. Students with complete applications will be notified promptly as to their acceptance status.