



Dear Applicant and Family,

Meridian Academy values students' ideas and questions, encourages creativity, and helps each student develop as a problem-solver. Meridian is a place where the students know everyone in the school community and are known well in turn. Our students know that their voice makes a difference, as they often take a lead in starting activities, creating school traditions, influencing the development of courses, and identifying community needs that they want to address. Meridian is a school where learning is intellectually vibrant and physically active. Students gain confidence as thinkers who can apply their learning in new ways, as caring community members, and as life-long learners who appreciate that there will always be new questions to pursue and solutions to discover.

For more information, please explore our website at [www.meridianacademy.org](http://www.meridianacademy.org), email us at [admissions@meridianacademy.org](mailto:admissions@meridianacademy.org), or call us at 617-277-1118.

Families apply to Meridian through the Ravenna website at [www.ravenna-hub.com](http://www.ravenna-hub.com). Please read through the pages that follow, and let us know if you have any questions. The admissions process is intended to help us learn as much as we can in order to assure a diverse student body and to better serve the students who attend Meridian. We are seeking students who are in traditional schools and who realize that there are more engaging and more varied ways to learn or students who have benefited from a thought-provoking education and who want to continue in that spirit.

Thank you for your interest in Meridian Academy,

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# Application Information and Regular Admissions Timetable

Application Step	Due Dates for Regular Admissions
<p><b>Let us know of your interest</b> by filling out our inquiry form at <a href="http://www.meridianacademy.org/request-information">www.meridianacademy.org/request-information</a> or through <a href="http://www.ravenna-hub.com">www.ravenna-hub.com</a>.</p>	<p>Families apply to Meridian through the Ravenna portal.</p>
<p><b>Attend an information session</b> Prospective students and their parents should visit together. We will offer both online and in-person events.</p>	<p><b>During the Fall and Winter.</b> Visit Meridian's page in your Ravenna account to learn about, and register for, upcoming information sessions.</p>
<p><b>Interview</b> Applicants can schedule an in-person interview with a member of our admissions team. Parents are not formally interviewed, but are welcome to set up a time for a conversation with an administrator.</p>	<p><b>Contact us to arrange these conversations for between October 15<sup>th</sup> and February 15<sup>th</sup>.</b> The student and parent forms should be submitted through Ravenna <b>at least two days</b> before the interview (but interviews can and should be scheduled in advance).</p>
<p><b>Teacher Recommendations, Language Evaluation, Transcript Request</b> These forms should be requested from your current school and teachers through Ravenna well in advance so that they can complete them in time.</p>	<p><b>To the teachers and school by February 1<sup>st</sup> (but sooner is better) and due to Meridian by February 15<sup>th</sup>.</b></p>
<p><b>Parent and Student Applications and application fee</b> (\$40 paid through Ravenna, but please contact Meridian for a waiver code, if the cost hinders your ability to apply).</p>	<p><b>By February 1<sup>st</sup>.</b> Late applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.</p>
<p><b>Test Scores.</b> Applicants may submit an MCAS, ISEE, SSAT, or other standardized exam result (some schools do annual in-house testing such as the ERBs). Scores from prior years are acceptable. Meridian expects scores to be submitted when available. If no such scores exist, applicants are not required to sign up to take an admissions exam.</p>	<p><b>By February 15<sup>th</sup>.</b> For information on test dates and the format of the tests, please visit <a href="http://www.ssat.org">www.ssat.org</a> or <a href="http://www.iseetest.org">www.iseetest.org</a>. In some circumstances, Meridian may also waive the test requirement. Score reports may be submitted by the school or family uploaded through Ravenna or scanned and emailed to us.</p>
<p><b>Matched Tuition Application</b> Submitted online through the Clarity portal (<a href="http://app.clarityapp.com">app.clarityapp.com</a>).</p>	<p><b>Due to Clarity by February 15<sup>th</sup>.</b> Applications that request Matched Tuition will not be evaluated until all financial information is submitted</p>
<p><b>Admissions Decisions</b></p>	<p><b>Notification on March 10<sup>th</sup>.</b></p>
<p><b>Admissions Replies</b></p>	<p><b>Accepted families reply by March 31<sup>st</sup>.</b></p>



If you know that Meridian is your family's first choice, and you don't want to apply to several schools or wait until March for a decision, then the Accelerated Admissions option is for you.

*How does the Accelerated Admissions option work?*

As soon as all elements of the application are completed, Meridian will let you know of our decision within two weeks. For example, if all materials and the interview are in place by the start of December, you will hear by mid-December. If you are invited to join the school, you then have two weeks to let us know of your decision.

*Is applying using Accelerated Admissions a binding commitment?*

Our decision is not binding on you, but your decision to attend is binding. You are not making a commitment to attend Meridian simply by applying with the accelerated option. However, once you decide to attend and submit your enrollment agreement, that is a commitment and you will be required to withdraw any applications pending at other schools.

*Does an accelerated application affect the chances of admission?*

Yes! It is advantageous. Your indication that Meridian is your first choice will matter to the admissions committee. We seek to admit students who are enthusiastic about learning at Meridian and about contributing to our community. Many of our new students join Meridian through this option.

*What is the latest date for applying using the Accelerated Admissions option?*

You may complete an Accelerated Admissions application at any time during the fall or winter before January 15<sup>th</sup>.

*How does an accelerated application work with the Matched Tuition plan?*

When you are applying for Accelerated Admission and Matched Tuition, you need to submit financial information through the Clarity portal ([app.clarityapp.com](http://app.clarityapp.com)) at the same time as you complete your other application materials. This information allows us to let you know your tuition along with any offer of admission. Because an Accelerated Admissions application itself is not binding, you are able to consider our acceptance and Matched Tuition offer before making a commitment. Meridian is dedicated to serving a financially diverse student body. We typically meet (or do better than) a family's Expected Family Contribution (as calculated by Clarity) or a family's own estimate of what they can afford, so you will not be at a disadvantage with regard to other potential school offers that you might have received. Please see the Matched Tuition page for more information on how Meridian supports families.